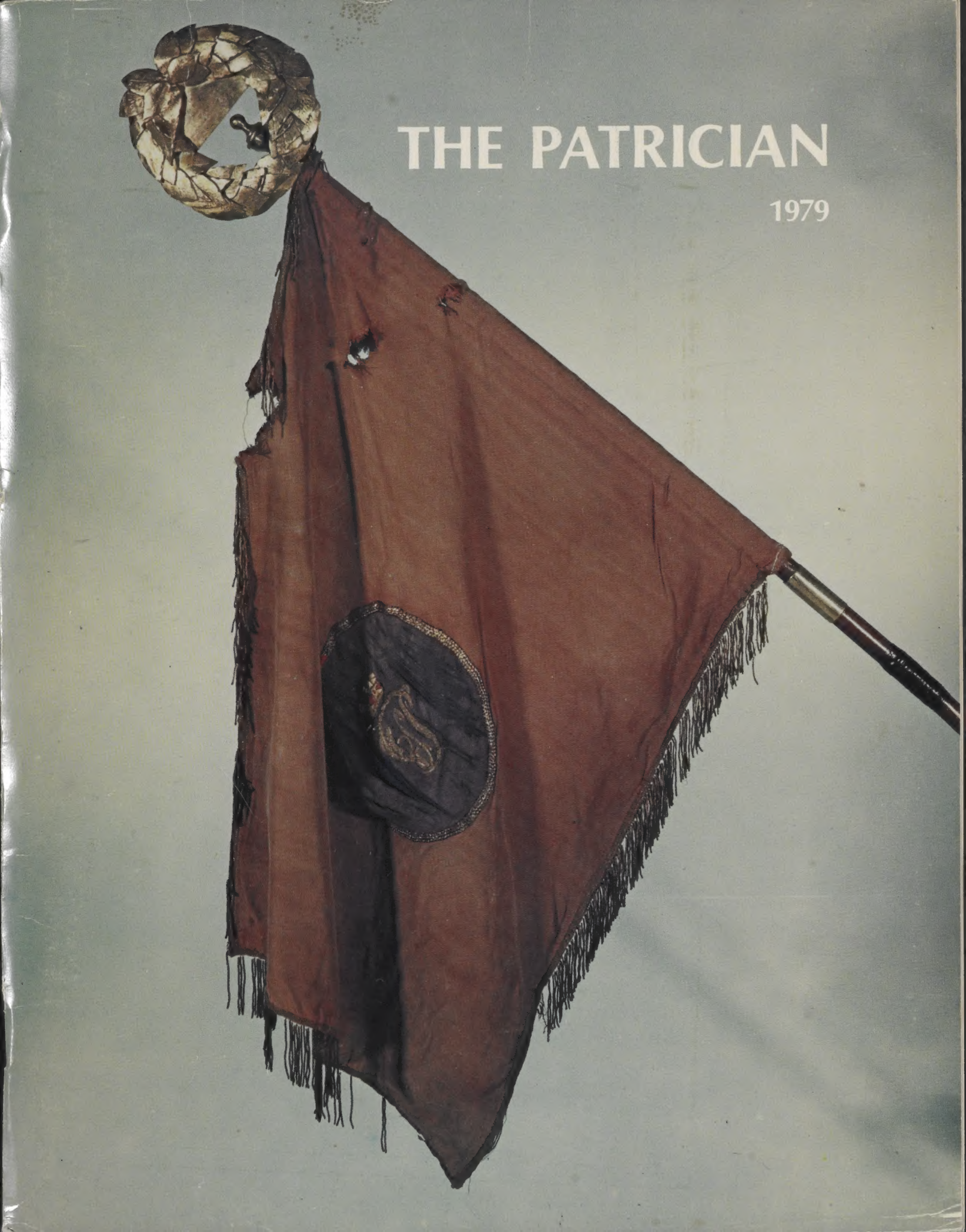

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Editor's Note: The tribute to the late Admiral of the Fleet, Earl Mountbatten of Burma, is printed in full in place of the annual remarks of the Colonel of the Regiment. The tribute was delivered by the Colonel of the Regiment at the Memorial Service held at Currie Barracks on 5 September 1979.

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ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET, EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA, KG, PC, GCB, OM, GCSI, GCIE, GCVO, DSO

By courtesy of John Colville, Photographer, Calgary Herald.

Today we honour the memory of Lord Louis, Earl Mountbatten of Burma, killed in a cold, cruel, calculated act of violence, claiming as well three other innocent lives: his grandson Nicholas, the Dowager Lady Brabourne, mother-in-law of our Colonel-in-Chief, and a 15 year old farm boy from the villiage of Sligo; and severely injuring our Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia, her husband Lord John Brabourne, and their son Timothy, twin brother of Nicholas, the youngest of her seven children. I was advised last night that they are recovering in the same room and that she had requested a Patricia attend the funeral of Nicholas. Lieutenant-Colonel Dick MacIntosh, her aide-de-camp when she visited her Regiment in 1976, will be doing so tomorrow.

Lord Mountbatten will be remembered as one of our greatest sailors, statesmen, world leaders; indeed a soldier, as Colonel of the Life Guards and as an honourary member of this Regiment — a man whose major goal was to help his fellow man achieve freedom and happiness, one which he achieved in great measure in all he personally undertook. Many distinguished persons will and have extolled these great qualities and his distinguished outstanding career and do so much better than I could.

I would like to mention, however, those qualities which gave great strength and sense of family to our Regiment. He accompanied our Colonel-in-Chief to Canada three times after she assumed her appointment. First in 1974, primarily to visit the Home Station and to inspect her First Battalion as they Trooped the Colours. I recall, however, in his uniform as Admiral of the Fleet, he proudly snapped dozens of pictures of her as she carried on her official duties. On that occasion he also visited Pearson College in Victoria, one of the United World Colleges of which he was then President and Founder. In 1976, when she visited her Second Battalion, those memorable celebrations of the 25th Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyoung, and in 1977 at McMahon Stadium in a magnificent ceremony, she presented new Colours to her First Battalion on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, and again Lord Louis, resplendent in his uniform as Colonel of the Life Guards, happily and proudly watched as his daughter carried on as presiding officer. I had the honour of being with them and travelling with them through most of these visits and I am reminded of many great things which stand out, but most of all I am reminded of some very simple but splendid qualities in such a great man; his immense love for all his family and great pride in their achievements; the pride of a father when, as Honourable Aide-de-Camp and for the occasion junior to Lady Patricia, he remained quietly in the background, again capturing pictures as she inspected and spoke to and mixed with her Patricias. I also know he showed these pictures to all who visited him and to the Royal Family.

He also understood the Regimental System well, as any good family man must do. Those close Family ties, the respect and help for one another, the ceremony, and the relaxation. He was an Honourary Patricia and was presented his Regimental tie by his daughter. He wore the Patricia tie with great pride — in fact a pride that showed his love for his family and this Regiment.

The fact that in his funeral service today in London, the Canadian troops that participated, commanded by Captain John Miles, came from this Regiment by his express wish and marched with his own Regiment, the Life Guards, further emphasize his love of family and his friendship with his fellow Patricias.

He was a man who appeared to be completely at peace with himself although continually striving to help others. In fact in an interview not too long ago, he was asked about death and replied to the effect that he had been through two wars, life had been full and happy, and that death held no fear. In fact I suspect this attitude, which is of the highest Christian ideal, inspired him all his life and was exemplified when his Flagship, THE KELLY, was sunk and he was the last man to leave — an example of his many great acts of leadership.

Fellow Patricias and Friends, everyone knows the world has lost a great man, a rare man, but we also know and grieve that we have lost a fellow Patricia, a member of our family whom we respected and admired and who inspired us all with his selfless devotion and dedication to his Sovereign, his Country and the World. We will remember this great Patricia.

THE REGIMENTAL CONTINGENT IN BRITAIN

by Captain J.W. Miles, CD

Patricias marching in quick time past the Victoria Monument and onto the Mall.

On 27 August 1979, a man who had been mined, torpedoed and sunk with all guns firing in the Second World War, Earl Mountbatten of Burma, Knight of the Garter, Privy Councillor, holder of the Order of Merit, Knight Grand Cross of the Bath, Knight Grand Commander of the Star of India, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, Knight Grand Commander of the Indian Empire, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order and Baron Romsey of Southampton, was killed on a pleasure cruise off the Irish coast by a remote-controlled terrorist bomb. He was 79 years of age and his body was brought home to Romsey on 30 August. He had been doing what he usually did every summer since his retirement, staying with his family at his Sligo Castle, Classiebawn. The boat in which he, the Dowager Lady Brabourne, his grandson Nicholas and Paul Maxwell a teenage boatsman were killed, the Shadow V, was often used for fishing and other expeditions and so an extraordinary career was brought to a violent end.

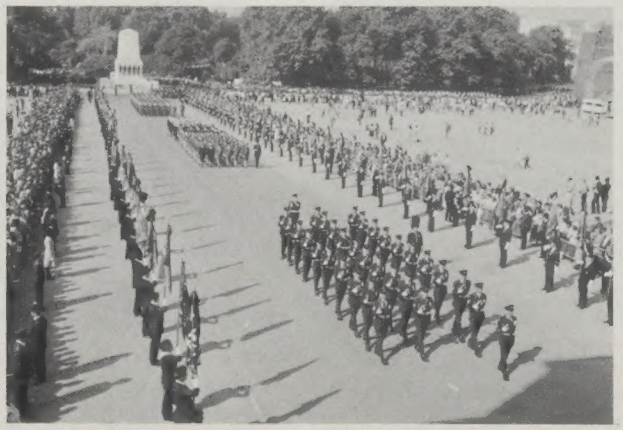
In both peace and war he tended to be ahead of his times. He had that special mixture of courage, humanity and humour that few leaders maintain in the face of both flattery and adversity. He won more medals than any other man in his generation, and earned them. He was the last hero.

The Regiment was invited by Lord Mountbatten to participate in his State Funeral some two years ago as a result of several visits that he paid to the Regiment in the company of our Colonel-in-Chief. As well, Earl Mountbatten of Burma was a member of the Regimental Family, having been made an Honorary Patricia.

On receiving the tragic news that reached the Regiment early that morning of 27 August 1979, plans were set in motion and the Guard began to drill under the expert supervision of Warrant Officer R.A. Brignell, assisted by Sergeants T.D. Tennant, L. Pinter and C. Hunt. The members of the Guard, hand-picked by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel G.M. Reay, MBE, CD and Regimental Sergeant-Major, Chief Warrant Officer W.A. Colbourne, CD, began the solemn task of preparation. On Friday, 31 August, the Guard was inspected by the CO and the RSM, details still requiring work were rounded out and on Sunday morning, 2 September, the Guard left Calgary for London.

The dress rehearsal was conducted at 0300 hours on the early morning of the 4th of September while London slept. On 5 September, on a bright sunny September morning, London turned out to honour a great statesman, a famous naval officer and a much-loved Uncle of the Royal House of Great Britain and indeed of most of the Royal Houses of Europe. Thirty-two Other Ranks from the First Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry paraded under the command of the Regimental Adjutant — along with troops of many nations associated with Lord Mountbatten throughout his long and distinguished career — through the streets of London, accompanying him on his final journey to Westminster Abbey.

All ranks participating from the Regiment were deeply moved at being part of the tribute paid to this great national hero and fellow Patricia.



Marching across Horse Guards Parade in slow-time through the Royal British Legion Standard Bearers.

Following the ceremony on Wednesday, 5 September, an interesting programme was organized for the Guard that included a tour of the City of London, a day with our Allied Regiment, the Royal Green Jackets — which included a tour of their marvellous Museum that was much enjoyed by all ranks — followed by an up-to-date presentation of their recent tour in Northern Ireland.

Our Colonel-in-Chief, with her typical concern for others, arranged through Lieutenant-Colonel R.M. MacIntosh for the Guard to tour her late father's estate, Broadlands. This tour was one of the highlights of our visit to Great Britain, and the estate manager, Mr. R. Pullen and staff, gave us a most interesting afternoon culminating with tea on the front porch of the estate in the late afternoon with a beautiful vista of lawn, stream and gardens stretching out before us.

On our way back to London LCol and Mrs. MacIntosh entertained the Guard to drinks in their lovely garden at their staff quarters in Camberley. Sunday 9 September, saw the Guard marching to the enclosure in front of Buckingham Palace where it had been arranged for us to view the Changing of the Guard. This impressive ceremony never fails to lose its appeal and it was very much enjoyed.

Sunday afternoon, Lieutenant-Colonel M.D. Barr, the Canadian officer who replaced Lieutenant-Colonel D.T. "Dix" Cottingham at CDLS and who organized our visit and looked after us throughout, was presented with a small token of the Guard's appreciation by our youngest member, Private C.R. Atkinson of A Company, 1 PPCLI. Colonel Barr then hosted the Guard to refreshments at a local pub.

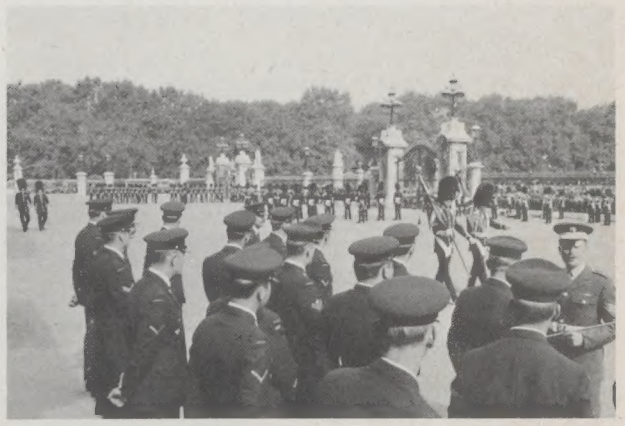
Monday morning saw us bid farewell to our hosts, No. 20 Royal Transportation Company, Regency Park Barracks, who looked after us all splendidly throughout our week in Great Britain.

Thursday saw the Guard back in Currie Barracks ready to return to normal duty, very proud at having been chosen to be a part of Great Britain's national tribute to a great statesman, a gallant Naval Officer and a fellow Patricia, the late Admiral of the Fleet, Earl Mountbatten of Burma.

Mr. Bob Pullen, estate manager at Broadlands, describing the grounds surrounding the estate.

Mr. Bob Pullen describing the works of art found in the Sculpture Hall at Broadlands.

The Guard in the Great Hall at Winchester with King Arthur's Table in the background.



The Guard in the enclosure at Buckingham Palace, having the Changing of the Guard ceremony explained by our host.

HISTORICAL NOTE

BRIGADIER-GENERAL R.T. PELLY, CB, CMG, DSO

By Major L.E. Grimshaw

Each year the Editor attempts to include an article relating to some aspect of Regimental History. This year the Patrician focuses on Brigadier-General Pelly, an Original Officer and our third Commanding Officer. Although one of the less well known of the early commanding officers, he had a very distinguished war record and was one of the most decorated Patricias. This is his story.

Raymond Theodore Pelly was born 30 July 1881, the son of Canaon R.P. Pelly, Vicar of Great Malvern. He enlisted in the Worcester Yeomanry (Regular Army) 20 December 1899 and served in the South African war, participating in operations in Orange River Colony and the Transvaal between May and December 1900. For this service he was awarded the Queen's South Africa Medal with four clasps.

He was commissioned as second lieutenant in The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment on 24 July 1901 and served until 22 November 1912, when he retired as a captain and was placed on the Special Reserve. He immigrated to Canada in 1913, and on the outbreak of The World War, he responded to the call for volunteers, joining PPCLI 12 August 1914, where he was appointed Major commanding No. 1 Company.

Following the Battle of Frezenberg, he was appointed Temporary Lieutenant-Colonel and Commanding Officer on 14 May 1915. To him, in this capacity, fell the task of rebuilding the Regiment. In the words of the Regimental History, "The main achievement of the summer of 1915 was the renaissance of the Regiment under Col. Pelly, to whose energy and initiative was . . mainly attributed the success of the reorganization." Also during this period, LtCol Pelly commanded the Regiment on the Somme at Frise during the Regiment's last engagements as part of the British 80th Brigade, and he subsequently brought the Regiment to the newly-formed 3rd Canadian Division. For his activities during this period of command, LtCol Pelly was Mentioned in Dispatches, for the first of seven such occasions, and awarded the Distinguished Service Order "for services rendered in connection with military operations in this field."

On 15 December 1915, LtCol Pelly was posted away for seven months to command the 8th Bn, The Royal Irish Rifles, during which time he fought in the early battles of the Somme and was again Mentioned in Dispatches. Following the death of LtCol Buller, LtCol Pelly returned to command PPCLI on 2 August 1916, just prior to the autumn battles on the Somme. He commanded the Regiment throughout the Somme battles of 1916 including the action at Fabeck Graben trench near Courcelette, and was again Mentioned in Dispatches.

Having again handed over command on 31 October, 1916, LtCol Pelly enjoyed a short respite from action while serving as an instructor at the School for Commanding Officers at Aldershot, England. The respite was short-lived, and he returned to France in May 1917 as Temporary Brigadier-General commanding 91st Infantry Brigade in the 7th British Division.

After the hard fighting at Bullecourt and Passchendaele, Brigadier-General Pelly took his brigade to Italy in November 1917 when 7th Division was transferred to XIV (British) Corps on the Italian front. There, his brigade took part in the Battle of the Asiago Plateau in June 1918. This battle, perhaps the most important one fought in the Italian Theatre, was a turning point. The last great Austro-Hungarian attack was defeated and thrown back, paving the way for the successful Italian counter-offensive later in the year and hastening the collapse of the already-crumbling Austro-Hungarian monarchy. To commemorate this great Italian victory, General Montuori, commander of the Italian 6th Army, which included the British and French allied forces, presented a specially struck medal in silver to regimental officers and gold to senior commanders, one of which was awarded to Brigadier-General Pelly.

Brigadier-General Pelly led his brigade through the battles which culminated in the final defeat of the Austrians on the River Piave in October and November 1918. Here he was awarded The Distinguished Service Order for the second time:

"For gallantry and conspicuous good service. He handled the left brigade of the 7th Division at the crossing of the Piave, 27 October 1918, with marked success. This brigade particularly distinguished itself on the Monticano, particularly in the capture of Cimetta, when stubborn resistance was encountered, Brig. Gen. Pelly showed great judgement and coolness in personally superintending the final capture of this village from the banks of the Monticano, when they were under heavy artillery and machine gun fire the whole time. Throughout the whole operation he set a fine example to his brigade."

In addition to four more Mentions in Dispatches, Brigadier-General Pelly was subsequently appointed a Companion of The Most Honourable Order of the Bath and a Companion of The Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George in 1919, both for his services in Italy. As well, he was awarded the Italian Croci di Guerra and in 1927 was appointed a Commander of the Italian Order of St Maurice and St Lazarus.

There are two most interesting and notable features about Brigadier-General Pelly's service in the Great War. The first is that with the exception of the first four months of the war in Canada and enroute to France and later seven months instructional duty in England, he was in command of troops at either company, battalion or brigade level for the entire remaining 40 months of the war. Moreover, he was never wounded. The second feature, is that in spite of his most capable and distinguished service, he had little status in the post-war Regular Army after demobilization. Having left the British Regular Army in 1912 and having been assigned to the Special Reserve as a captain, he retained that status throughout the war. For example, for the latter half of 1917, his official status was Captain, Brevet Major, Temporary Brigadier-General and he was not promoted to the substantive rank of major until March 1918; Thus, upon demobilization, in March 1919, he relinquished the temporary rank of Brigadier-General and rejoined the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment as Acting Lieutenant-Colonel commanding their 12th (Pioneer) Battalion.

He retired from the Regular Army in 1922 and was granted the honourary rank of Brigadier-General, and ceased to belong to the Regular Army Reserve of Officers in 1936. In 1942, Brigadier-General Pelly was appointed a Military Knight of Windsor and resided at Windsor Castle until his death on 28 June 1952.

"For King and Empire"

Major-General A.E. Potts, CBE, CStJ, ED, BA, MA, DMilSc

Major-General Potts receiving his degree from the Com mandant, Brigadier-General A.J.G.D. DeChastelain. CD.

On 25 May 1979, Major-General Arthur Edward Potts was honoured by The Royal Military College with the award of a Honorary Degree of Doctor of Military Science at the Spring Convocation. The citation is quoted below:

Commandant,

Today there, stands before you a veteran of both World Wars in Canada's Armed Forces, and a meritorious soldier who rose from Private in the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in 1915 to Major-General commanding the 6th Infantry Division in 1942. He served for twenty years in the Non-Permanent Active Militia between the wars, along the way earning a BA from Edinburgh and an MA from Cornell. He taught at the University of Saskatchewan.

General Potts is a long-time ally of RMC, for one of his soldier sons graduated here and he himself is a long-standing Honorary Member of the Ex-Cadet Club. A respected citizen who spent his post-war years until retirement with the Department of Verterans Affairs, he is generous, affable, unflappable, much admired by all who know him, and much loved by those intimate enough to address him affectionately as "Pottsie."

Commandant, I have the honour of presenting to you that you may confer upon him the degree Doctor of Military Science, *honoris causa,* Arthur Edward Potts, Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire and of the Order of St John, distinguished servant of his country, and a man whose lust for life has characterized all of his many years. We are justly proud to welcome him as a degree-holding graduate of The Royal Military College of Canada.

On behalf of the Senate of the College.

Donald E. Tilley

Kingston, Ontario
25 May, 1979

THE FIRST BATTALION

Lieutenant K.I. Fredrickson

The past year has been a busy one for the First Battalion. From the final days of our tour in Cyprus, to a major reconfiguration of the Battalion, for operation in Canada, and culminating with a change of commanding officers in July, we've been soldiering hard.

After the warmth of Cyprus it was a shock to the system to return to the cooler climate of Canada. Following a month of leave the Battalion was straining at the bit again. We started off by playing the French Grey Cup, then went on to the Battalion winter exercise.

With the start of the new year Bravo Company went off to Shilo to do the NATO Small Arms Arctic Test. Our training schedule then hit a more hectic pace with five primary combat function courses, a Combat Leaders Course and a Section Commanders Course being run. Concurrently, the Brigade Commander held his annual inspection and we exercised the Freedom of the City of Calgary on Frezenberg Day, May 8th.

Suddenly it was mid-May and WAINCON 79. During WAINCON A Company went off to Fort Lewis on a small unit exchange while Company C, 2/2 Infantry, 9 Infantry Division, joined us in Wainwright. Summer ended with a change of commanding officers, Lieutenant-Colonel G.M. Reay, MBE, CD, assumed command from Lieutenant-Colonel L.W. MacKenzie, CD. The common thread that wove our activities through this busy year was our constant striving to achieve perfection.

CYPRUS 78

Visit of Major-General C.H. Belzile, CD, Commander Canadian Forces Europe, 4 - 6 September.

MCpl Parker, Quarter Guard Commander, reports his Quarter Guard ready for inspection.

MGen Belzile inspects the Quarter Guard.

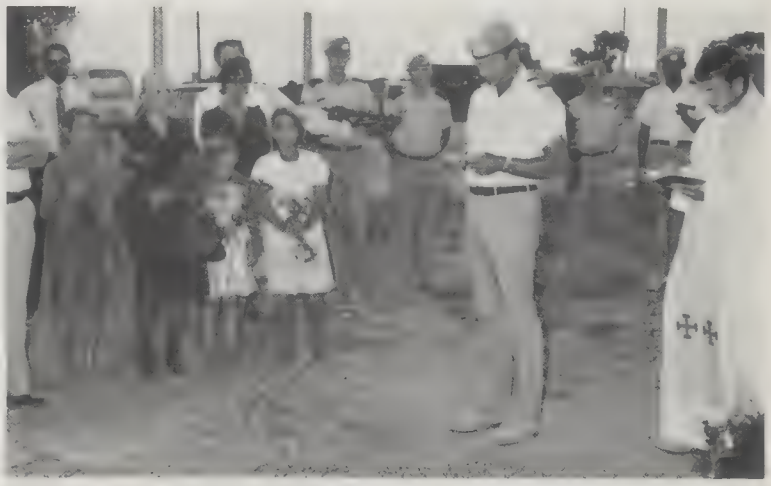
MGen Belzile visits OP BASTION

Visit of Major-General C.H. Belzile, CD, Commander Canadian Forces Europe, 4-6 September
Memorial Service for Anreas Karioulou and Corporal Dumont

A memorial to Andreas Karioulou, a Cypriot known by most Canadians who served in Cyprus, and Cpl Dumont, 12 RBC, who drowned while diving off-shore from Dhekelia. Andreas was admired and respected by all who knew him.

Tasoula Karioulou laying a wreath on the memorial to her husband.

Cpl Weller plays the Last Post



LCol MacKenzie reading the eulogy to unveil the memorial. The service was conducted by Padre Bob Kiffman. In attendance were Tasoula Karioulou, Glafcos Karioulou and friends of Andreas.

Change of Command, Sector Four, on 2 Oct 78

The General Salute on the arrival of BGen J.A. Cotter, CD, Commander Canadian Contingent, to review the Change of Command parade.

The Inspection.

Signing the Change of Command Certificate. Left to Right: Capt. W.R. Blair, Adjt 8CH; LCol R.S. Billings CO 8CH; LCol L.W. MacKenzie, CO 1 PPCLI; BGen J.A. Cotter, Commander Canadian Contingent and Chief of Staff, HQ UNFICYP.

LCol MacKenzie makes a small presentation to his successor, LCol Billings.

The return to Calgary

The welcome home committee. Left to Right: 2Lt O'Sullivan; CSM McDow, CSM Rear Party; Maj Crabbe, OC Rear Party; and MGen Brown, Col of the Regt turn out to welcome the advance party.

Welcome home dad! Cpl Mihalus doesn't look a bit tired after a long trip home from Cyprus.

French Grey Cup 1978

November 24th dawned bright and cold with snow for the final "Flag Football" match of the season between Administration and B Companies. After the Commander 1 CBG performed the cereomial kick-off, the game got underway. A furious see-saw battle in the mid-fifty yards developed with neither team showing any real advantage. Snow and cold hands resulted in many turnovers, and a lack of any results in the ground game, for both teams. Half-time saw a humourous place-kicking contest between the OCs and the CSMs (won by CSM G. Bowes). The second-half started out much like the first until the Adm Coy quarterback, Pte Gosselin, connected on a long bomb to MCpl B. Fairbairn for a big six. This performance was repeated a few minutes later and after sixty minutes of hard play the whistle blew to end the game. Adm Coy won the coveted Cup. Awards were presented to MCpl Fairbairn, Most Valuable Player; Capt K. Beselt, Best Defensive Player; and Pte Gosselin, Best Offensive Player.

Pte Dekuysscher, B Coy, brought to earth by MCpl Aalders, with help from Sgt Jackson.

CSM Moeller shows his style in the kicking contest.

Capt Rudd, Adm Coy, turns the corner led by Pte Rybenko and Lt Baker while Drum-Major Point is poised to blow his whistle.

The Quick, one of many turnovers.

The Determined.

Commander 1 CBG, BGen P.J. Mitchell, presents the Cup to Adm Coy, Pte Gosselin and Cpl Hinch, as LCol MacKenzie and Capt Romses looks on.

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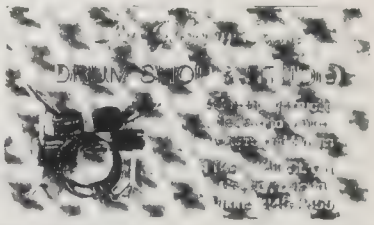

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Exercise SNOW LEAP

Exercise SNOW LEAP was the Battalion winter exercise held in the Ghost River Bow Forest Reserve 4-15 Dec 78. Although the exercise was designed primarily to review and practice winter operations, it provided the first opportunity for the Battalion to operate together in its post-Cyprus configuration.

The first ten days of the exercise were spent on platoon and company level training which included basic winter indoctrination, winter drills and tactics, patrolling, and helicopter operations. An interesting and unique battalion FTX followed in which the rifle companies were inserted by helicopter into blocking positions in the foothills. The Redland forces were defeated and the Battalion returned victoriously to Calgary to prepare for some well deserved Christmas leave.

RSM. W.A. Colbourne (does that skidoo really go 100 kph)

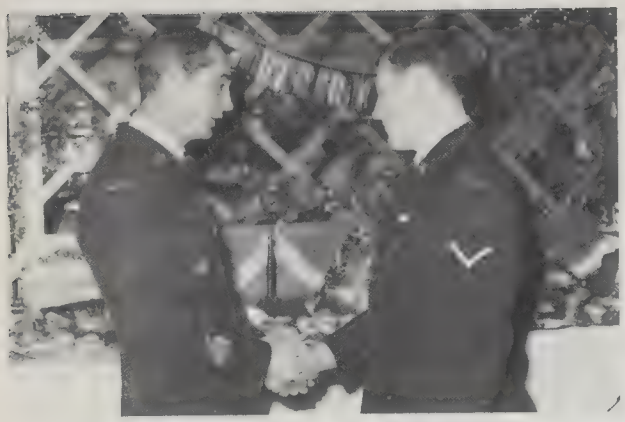
MCpl J.R. Burke loads up the Command Post, as Battalion HQ prepares to move.

Loading up for helicopter insertion.

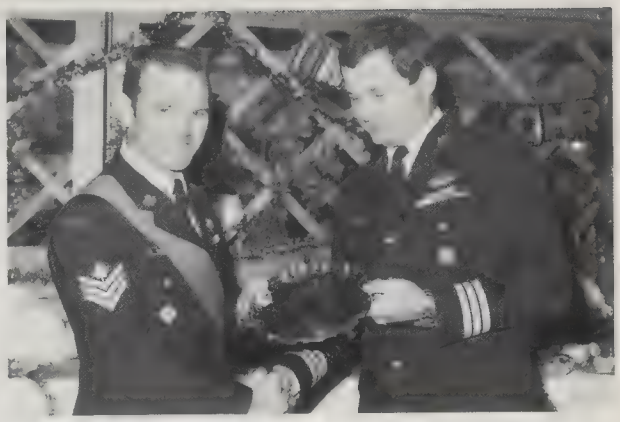
A Coy position; Cpl T.A. Orr and Pte R.J. Rivers await the enemy.

C Coy HQ in a hide. Capt Penman and CSM Bowes.

Mens Christmas Dinner



RSM Colbourne congratulates Pte Weatherby, winner of the LCol K.R. Foster trophy as "The Best Private" in the Battalion during 1978.



The CO presents Sgt Walker with the LCol W.E.J. Hutchinson trophy as "The Seeargeant" for 1978.

MGen Brown congratulates members of the Battalion on their promotion.

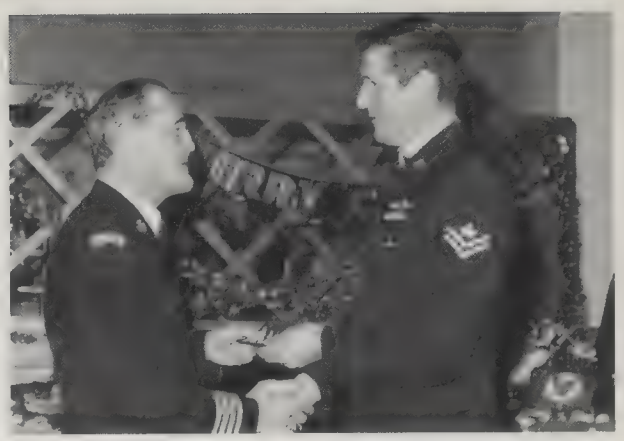
Pte Cooper to MCpl.

Pte Bradley to MCpl.

Pte MacDonald to MCpl

Cpl Mainville (Medical Assistant) to MCpl

MCpl Colter to Sgt.



Sgt Walker to WO

COURSES

Signals

Infantry communicator (TQ4). The top student was Pte W.R. Trombley.

Sgt Douglas barks a fire order.

No 2 Detachment. Cpl Buchanan (behind the launcher) and MCpl Sarahs.

Armoured Defence

Pte Buell at last night.

Pte Shanahan fires his first missile as Sgt Douglas and Cpl McMahon observe.

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Combat Leader

Cpl Hunter, Top Candidate, reporting to the Inspecting Officer, Col R.I. Stewart, Deputy Commander, 1 CBG/C-FB Calgary.

Col Stewart congratulating Bdr Tait of 3 RCHA on his fine performance. He was the only non-infantryman to complete the course.

The graduation parade advances in review order.

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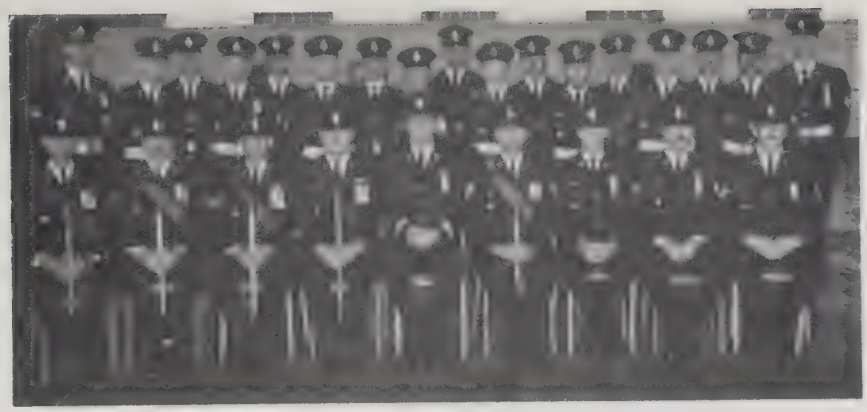


The graduating members and staff of the Course.

The CO congratulating MCpl Silver, Top Candidate.

So this is what Sr NCOs do on a week night (a "training" mess dinner in the WOs' and Sgts' Mess).

The Battalion Hockey Team

The 1 PPCLI Hockey Team, under the skilful and persuasive guidance of CSM G. Bowes topped off a very successful 78-79 season by defeating 1 Service Battalion in two straight games to capture the CFB Calgary Hockey Championship. Sparked by the likes of Maj "Elbows" Crabbe and MCpl "Red Light" Sarahs, the team finished the regular season in undisputed possession of first place. In the playoffs, they easily defeated all opposition.

Left to Right, Front to Rear: Cpl Hinch; Cpl Currie; Pte Mullaney; MCpl Sarahs; Pte Hotchkiss; MCpl Boyle; Pte Carlton; MCpl Steele; Capt Hackel; Pte Walker; Cpl Gemmell; CSM Bowes; MCpl Hachey; Cpl Hussey; Capt Brooks; Pte Paul; WO Brausen; MCpl Smith; Pte Bond. Missing: Maj Crabbe; Sgt Ede; MCpl Gallant.

Regimental Day

It was a cold snowy day for our Regimental Day, celebrated on Friday 16 March. Undaunted, the First Battalion carried on. A Company was the overall winner followed by Administration and Combat Support Companies. The WO's and Sgts' Mess *won* the "Horse's Ass" trophy this year by their loss to the officers in the annual Broom-i-loo game. However, they quickly presented it to the officers as it had been resting in their mess for much too long a time, and further charging the officers with tampering.

Cpl Hunter wrestles with a nut during the tire changing competition.

CO presents Pte Corbin with a medal for the Heavy Weight Tug-of-War, won by A Coy.

Cbt Sp Coy Tug-of-War team.

BGen Mitchell presenting the Overall Winning Coy trophy to Capt L. Bailey, OC A Company. CSM D. Moeller looks on.

CO presenting the "Horse's Ass" to the RSM.

WO Szpitun, Maj Crabbe and RSM Colbourne, mixing it up during the Broom-i-loo game.

Commander's Inspection

BGen P.J. Mitchell, CD, visited 1 PPCLI on 12 April 79 for his annual inspection. He inspected the Battalion in the morning and visited us at work in the afternoon.

The Commander asks Cpl Popielzrczyk to spell his name.

The Commander discussing the finer points of moustache growing with MCpl Anderson.

The Commander and the CO discuss GPMG employment.

Lt Saunders plans a platoon attack under the critical eye of the Commander.

Frezenberg Day and Freedom of the City Parade

This year the First Battalion celebrated the Eighth of May by exercising its right to the Freedom of the City of Calgary, followed by a Drumhead Ceremony commemorating the Battle of Frezenberg.

The CO is halted at City Hall by Police Chief Brian Sawyer.

His Worship Mayor Ross Alger inspects.

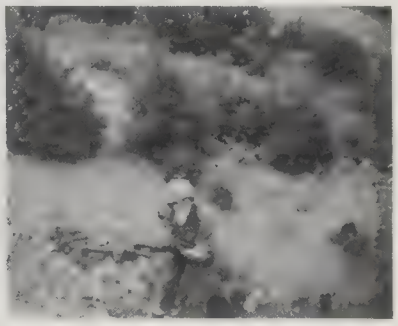
With Colours flying, drums beating and bayonets fixed, the First Battalion marches through Calgary.

The Drums are stacked for the Drumhead Ceremony in remembrance of the Battle of Frezenberg.

US Exchange Fort Lewis

While the rest of the Battalion departed for WAINCON 79, A Company traded places with Company C, 2/2 Infrantry from 9th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Washington. During the tour members of A Coy took part in weapons familiarization, defensive operations, patrolling and mountain school, while Company C underwent training with the Battalion in Wainwright. A Company's visit was a great success and the experience gained from working with the 9th Division will long be remembered.

MCpl Turner looks on as a "student" crosses a rope bridge.



Cpl Leblanc tests the brake while on rappel.

It's a long way down (rapelling).

Sgt. Jarbeau demonstrates the Aussie Rappel.

C Company, winners of the Brigade patrolling Competition. The 1 PPCLI patrol was the only one to successfully reach the objective and return with the "Black Box".

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Raising the flag at Camp Swampy.

Sgt M. Kline prepares grenades and hands them to Specialist 4, L. Aaron.

2Lt M. Vogle, LCol MacKenzie and Pte Harris on the grenade range.

The CO talks with Capt J. Schmitt, CO of the US company.

Visit of Commander FMC

LGen Paradis, BGen Mitchell and the CO receive a briefing from Capt Romses on an operation planned by Recce Platoon. Lt Gallant and CWO Dzopba look on.

LGen Paradis inspects the Quarter Guard from Recce Platoon on departure from 1 PPCLI.

Impressions

MCpl Brown being welcomed to his personal bivouac area by Sgt Blake, and MCpls Knight, Rohner and Pottle upon his late arrival at Wainwright.

The Battalion CP. Capt Hanrahan, the Signals Officer, ponders a problem.

The FSCC. Capt. Ascah and MCpl Proctor.

Faces of the Battalion

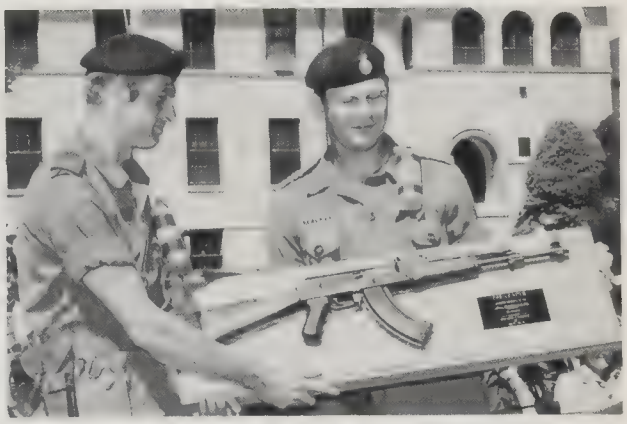
Bakersville

The miniature town of Bakersville, built by the Assault Pioneer Platoon. The town was built for the handicapped children at the Baker Centre in Calgary.

LCol MacKenzie wins the race at the official opening of the Centre on 2 July.

Change of Command

The Col of the Regt, MGen Brown, signing the Change of Command certificate. BGen Mitchell, LCol Reay and LCol MacKenzie look on.



LCol MacKenzie presents LCol Reay with a trophy for the Battalion. "The Leader" is to be presented annually to the most proficient MCpl in the Battalion.

LCol MacKenzie commands the Battalion for the last time.

The incoming CO leads the Battalion past the outgoing CO.

RSM Colbourne presents LCol MacKenzie with his pennant (Who is Col Vincent?).

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SECOND BATTALION

Lieutenant D.R. Drew

"Busy" best describes the past year. Only the highlights can be mentioned here but readers must not forget the many activities which go on each and every day in a battalion.

9 Platoon began the year by representing the unit's CAST role during Ex BAR FROST in Norway. The unit then deployed in October to Dundurn for Ex RAMPANT CHARGER III — Unit Battle School. The basics were stressed, with the defence as the phase of war. A live fire platoon air mobile exercise was featured as well as preparation of a unit defensive position. The Brigade Commander, BGen Mitchell, and Commander Air Command, LGen Mackenzie, visited the unit in Dundurn.

A small but deadly snipers' course was conducted. Sniping is alive!

An excellent Combat Leaders course was conducted by Capt. Ronksley and MWO Downey in October and November.

The Men's Christmas Dinner was highlighted by the award of the LCol Minnis Trophy for the best private in 2 PPCLI to Pte Bourque, B Company.

The New Year saw B Company deploy to Alaska for exchange training with 1/60th Infantry (US) on Ex JACK FROST where it managed to teach the US Army a thing or two about winter warfare. The remainder of the unit formed the enemy, control and umpire staff for Ex RAPIER THRUST 79 near Fort St John, B.C. A Company provided the enemy force and, as usual, acquitted itself well, regularly giving Third Battalion fits. A magnificent air mobile assault by A Company culminated the exercise. A Company eats "bird gunners"!

The inevitable course cycle followed with some 200 soldiers gaining qualifications in machine-gun, communicator, recce patrolman, mortar, driver tracked (in Wainwright) and driver wheeled courses. The Battalion also endured one of the worst Winnipeg winters on record. Who needs RAPIER THRUST?

The unit began an extensive marksmanship programme in the spring. Coaching clinics preceded this phase and much success was achieved in seriously addressing rifle marksmanship.

Kapyong Day was marked by a simple commemorative service. Guests arrived in the form of C Company (Charlie Airborne) 1/60th Infantry from Alaska. A most spirited and fit bunch they were and we looked forward to soldiering with them in WAINCON. They were most interested spectators at the Lady Brabourne Drill Competition — awestruck is more apt — eventually won by Sgt E.C. Pryce and his B Company team.

Our plans were interrupted in the form of a warning order for assistance to civil authority duties. The Red River was in full flood and levels higher than the 1950 disaster were predicted. On 27 April, A Company deployed to Emerson and OP BOLSTER was underway. A special article on OP BOLSTER, prepared by Capt D.M. Lewis, appears elsewhere in this publication. It was a good training experience for the unit and will make for many great "war" stories in the years to come — "Did I ever tell you about the time I saw this bridge float by?"

By 19 May the unit was withdrawn from the operation and after hurried maintenance and a few days leave, we were off for WAINCON. We trained hard to catch up with the remainder of the Brigade. The Brigade exercise was particularly valuable in presenting clearly the very great difficulty in assaulting fully prepared Soviet-style defensive positions, particularly without tank support!

The unit, minus A Company, returned to Winnipeg. A Company moved directly to Suffield and participated in Ex TRIAL MENTOR, a chemical warfare equipment trial. Immediately following that, A Company joined a company of the Royal Fusiliers and C and D Squadrons of the 4th Royal Tank Regiment on Ex MEDICINE MAN III. A Company finally returned home on 13 July, having acquitted itself well over some eleven weeks of nearly continuous field duty — the company had spent over forty-three weeks away from Kapyong Barracks in the preceding sixty-four!

Following three to four weeks leave, the unit returned to begin the new training cycle. All companies participated in Ex NOPIMING VOYAGEUR in east-central Manitoba. The exercise involved bushcraft, watermanship skills and a fair canoe trek. The fishing was excellent.

A Freedom of the City Parade and Retreat/Sunset Ceremony planned for 29 August was cancelled out of respect for Lord Mountbatten and his family.

30 August saw RSM G. Smith take over from RSM Wilson. A battalion parade was held to mark the occasion and to send off Mr Wilson to a well deserved retirement. Thirty-two years of sterling and exemplary service ended as Mr Wilson drove off the square in a Bren Gun Carrier to the three cheers of the Battalion. All ranks will miss Mr Wilson and we wish him the best on retirement in sunny Okanagan.

B Company participated in Ex BAR FROST in Norway as part of a battalion of Brigade North of the Norwegian Army in September. This will be the unit's last deployment to Norway as part of our CAST commitment.

A great challenge this year has been presented by the unit's selection as Canadian representatives at the NATO Northern European Command Infantry Competition, held in Norway 24-28 September. This is a rifle section competition emphasizing shooting, patrolling, obstacle courses and a number of other infantry skills. The teams training has been a very high priority for the unit and an immense amount of effort has been expended to win for Canada. Only the best could go, and many unsuccessful candidates for the team are to be commended for giving it their best shot. As this goes to press, word has just been received that the 2 PPCLI team has placed 4th in the competition. You have it your best shot and that's all that we asked of you. Your victors have to be very, very good indeed to have surpassed you. You have represented us well. We are proud of you.

In retrospect, the past year has been very busy and rewarding. The unit has worked very hard and acquitted itself well. It has received magnificent support from the many specialists assigned to help keep it ready for war. The unit remains proud and ready.

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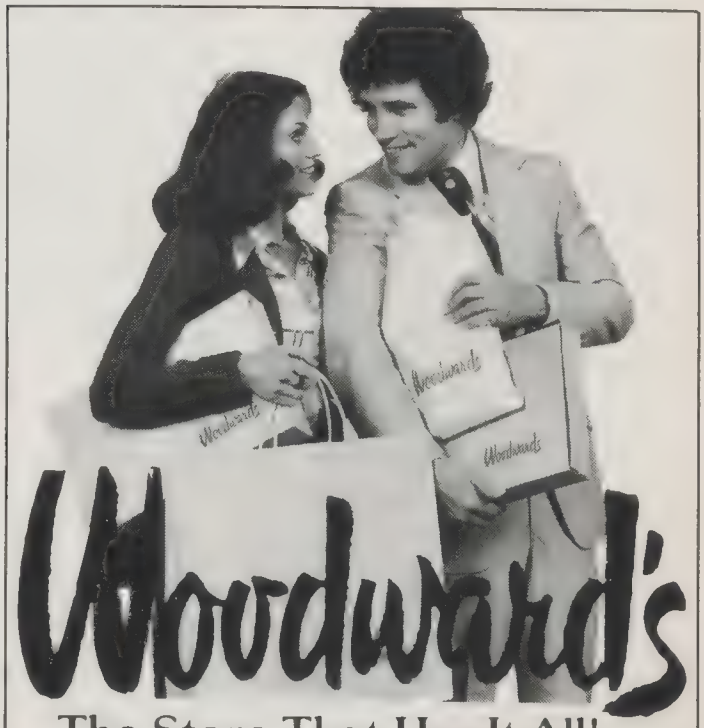

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MCpl Kearsley's section creating havoc behind 3 PPCLI lines.

"I'll see your two cans of bully beef and raise you three cans of Jambalaya."

Steamer and Chief grab a bite after brutalizing Ex RAPIER THRUST

"How old did you say you were, son?" A Coy O Group.

Ever watchful. Pte Young on patrol — Ex RAPIER THRUST.

9 Platoon gets ready to mount up — Ex BAR FROST Norway.

"See. I told you guys that majors don't snore." Members of A Coy watching one-niner sleep.

"I wish I was back in bed." Call Sign 11A saddles up in Shilo.

"This ought to stop them." Pte McLean loads up.

"Go get 'em!" MCpl Crowell and B Coy assault.

Pte Reidy looking for something to eat — WAINCON

"Wait for it . . . wait for it . . ." Sgt Igleniec and section provide fire support base.

VIP Visits

LGen Mackenzie asking Sgt Swanson if this is what grunts really eat, Camp Dundurn, Saskatchewan.

BGen Mitchell inspects Serial 7846 at OTD. LCol Minnis adds a touch of class to an otherwise drab occasion. Editor's Note: LCol Minnis has been nominated for "Best Dressed CO".

MGen Neatby, Deputy Commander Mobile Command, inspects Quarter Guard.

"They went thataway." Visit of Comd 1 CBG at Battalion Battle School.

LGen Paradis and BGen Mitchell speak to Northern European Command Infantry Competition Team.

The Hon Barney Danson, Minister of National Defence, inspects Quarter Guard.

Happiness is . . .

. . . CDS Commendation from LGen G.A. Mackenzie. MCpl Milberry was awarded this commendation for his participation in the apprehension of a suspected murderer in August 1977.

. . . being named private of the year. Pte Bourque receives the LCol Minnis Trophy as the best all-round Pte in the Bn.

. . . having this dainty pair carve the turkey during the men's Christmas Dinner.

. . . and then having WO Pitcher serve it to MCpls Gilfoy, Thornhill and Barr.

. . . MWO Spence receiving his promotion to that rank. Presented by CO during men's Christmas Dinner.

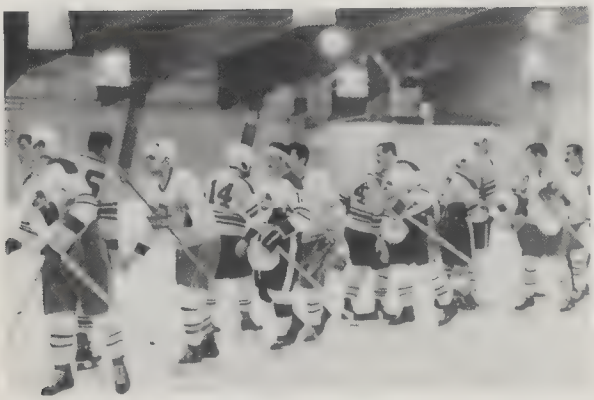
. . . and MWO Downey receiving his promotion during thesame occasion.

Sports

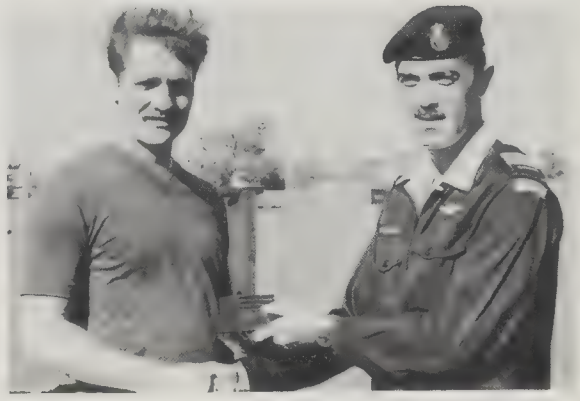
BN Fastball Championships. Pte Mike "Midget" takes off.

Battalion Hockey — Pte Brian Jones receives "Most Valuable Player" award from CO

CSM Chisolm shows his style during Officers/Sr NCOs golf tournament.



Officers console Sr NCOs after annual Officers/Sr NCOs hockey game.



Pte Watson accepts Soccer Trophy on behalf of B Company.

French Grey Cup

Despite his pants, Sgt McBride manages to elude the referee.

A Coy team surging ahead, before losing to B Coy.

RSM Wilson presents "Most Valuable Player" award to Pte Mortson of B Coy.

Pte Thorson accept trophy on behalf of B Coy.

Change of RSMs

CWO C.A. Wilson hands over his position as RSM to CWO G.R. Smith, who has been posted in from CTC. RSM Wilson leaves the Army after more than 22 years of service, most of which was with the Second Battalion.

RSM Wilson reviews his BN for the last time. He is riding in the Battalion Bren Gun Carrier, which was one of the first Army vehicles he learned to drive.

None of it would have happened without . . .

"No sir. I don't have any motorcycles left." WO McEachern and Pte Austin of Tpt Pl.

"Six hundred big Macs to go? Coming up." Cpl Sawateky at work.

"What do you mean, mechanics aren't fit!" JAZ doing pushups under the hood of a Deuce.

"Just one more turn and . . ." Doc Morneau replaces Pte. Thurston's leg.

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THE THIRD BATTALION

Lieutenant R.C. McLaughlin

Exercise Quick Otter

On 10 September 1978 at 0600 hours HMCS PROVIDER set sail up the west side of Vancouver Island for Toquart Bay. On board was the Third Battalion participating in the first post-Wainwright exercise of the year. Once the anchor was dropped, it was down the scramble nets to the assault boats to begin the "wettest" exercise of the year.

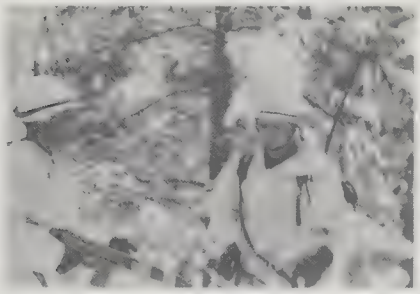
The enemy commanded by Lieutenant Vic McLaughlin seemed to zero in on Captain L.G. Meckbach, Officer Commanding A Company, as the umpires had to kill him three times due to sniper fire. The remaining company commanders fared no better and company second-in-commands began to give O groups from the base of thick bushes. When the final attack was launched, after many high hills and low valleys, there were very few left to tell the tale of Toquart Bay.

HMCS Provider

We weren't always in the field, it just seemed that way.

Members of "B" Company building snow defences

If I ever . . .



Lieutenant J.P. Mulhall instructing his signaller what to tell 39er.

Does it or doesn't it

Exercise Snow Runner

Exercise SNOW RUNNER was a gentlemanly transition from a balmy Victoria to a mild Williams Lake. There was little snow on the ground as they moved by convoy from the Williams Lake airport to the Chilcotin training area. Once the unit was fully deployed, Mother Nature co-operated with a generous fall of snow and mild temperatures. Weather conditions were excellent for maximum training benefit, soldiers were able to learn in comfort with little danger of casualties due to bitter cold.

Some of the new soldiers found that living in an arctic tent and eating IRPs for three weeks can be hard on the system. The lesson was relearned for some that rations have to be carefully prepared to avoid dehydration or hypoglycemia. The local rabbit population suffered heavy casualties and a "SNARE REP" was incorporated in unit SOPs.

As Christmas approached even the enemy force made up of Charlie Company got in the spirit. The cunning Red Force incorporated a radical new defensive layout and enticed SANTA CLAUS to man it. The result was a resounding humbug from the attackers who could not bring themselves to overrun the position.

As the faithful Hercules transports returned the majority of the unit to Victoria, the frantic preparations commenced for Christmas at home parties, dinners, and of course, Christmas leave.

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G.R. Pearkes Christmas Party

While the main body of the Battalion was up in Chilcotin, rear party entertained at the Battalion's yearly Christmas Party for the handicapped at the G.R. Pearkes Clinic. When Santa Claus (Sgt Grant) and all his "little" helpers arrived the fun began. Christmas films were shown and assorted goodies were handed out. There was an opportunity for all the children to give their requests to Santa to ensure they received that special gift.

At the conclusion of the party, all participants left with the feeling that they had done something worthwile for a very appreciative group of children.

Sgt "Santa" Grant

Men's Christmas Dinner — 1978

On Friday, December 22nd, all ranks of the Battalion assembled in the men's kitchen for the annual men's Christmas dinner. Special awards were given out, including the silver spanner and rusty wrench which was awarded to Administration Company.

Maj MacMillan receiving the Rusty Wrench Award on behalf of Administration Company.

Corporal Smith receiving the Inter-Company Floor Hockey Trophy from the CO, LCol Corbould.

Pte Blinkhorn, the unit's youngest soldier, carving the Xmas turkey.

The CO and the youngest soldier in the battalion, Pte E.F. Blinkhorn, changed roles for the carving of the turkey. The officers and Senior NCOs served the dinner which was excellent and so began the Christmas leave period.

Exercise Rapier Thrust 79

Following the Christmas leave period, it was time to wear off the excess Christmas roll and the Sikanni Chief airfield in northern British Columbia was as good a place as any.

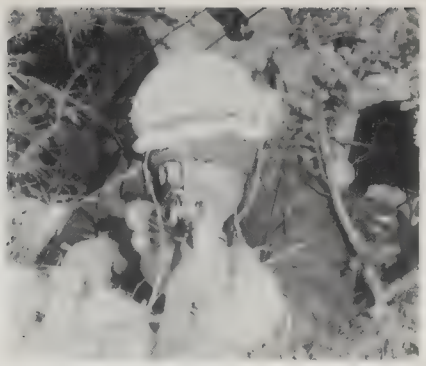
The Battalion deployed by C-130 to Fort St John and then travelled by bus to the airfield which was just north of "MAY'S CAFE" on the Alaska Highway at Mile 156.

The weather was unfortunately very mild, so the new soldiers were not put to a real test of the skills they had learned on SNOW RUNNER. Strangely, no one complained about the blue skies and balmy temperatures which made the job of the defenders much easier than anticipated.

Several probes were made against the airfield, one of which overran battalion HQ which, nevertheless, held on until help arrived from B Company. At last the initiative passed to the airfield defenders and in a lightning airmobile attack, the last of the Fantasian menace was cleared from the area.

At ceasefire, Mother Nature turned nasty and grounded the Chinook helicopters which amended, but did not allow, the airlift plan. The word of the day became "what you see is what you get" and the emplaning staff were treated to a never ending series of surprises, as the units converged on the St John airfield. In the end everyone received a hamburger at the airfield, except the CO, and departed by air just in time to avoid the plummeting temperatures. Victoria, as we arrived, was its normal green and buzzing with lawnmowers.

Watching over the airfield



MCpl Cracknell ensuring that everybody received their ammo.

I think they are somewhere over there

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During February and March the Battalion held a ski school at Vernon, BC. Each company spent a week learning downhill and cross-country skiing at Silver Star Mountain. We were billeted in the Vernon Army Cadet Camp and were trucked everyday to the slopes to try our luck.

Captain Hap (make me an offer) Stutt was OIC of ski school and he ensured that everyday was fun in the sun on the slopes.

Evenings were spent in Rose's Canteen studying training films and avoiding the perils of dehydration under the watchful eye of Warrant Officer Murphy.

All ranks appreciated the well administered school and made good use of the break from routine training which the school provided.

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Brigade Commander's Inspection

On 7 March 1979, Brigadier-General P.J. Mitchell conducted his annual inspection of 3 PPCLI. The Battalion, complete with weapons, vehicles and I-discs appeared on parade. Corporal Zack ensured he would get close scrutiny on the 1980 inspection by appearing in his room-mates I-discs and uniform.

At the conclusion of the detailed inspection, the Battalion conducted a roll past and for the last time in the foreseeable future, a tracked company rolled off the Work Point parade square.

C Coy being inspected

Maj Plouffe received the Hamilton Gault Skill-at-Arms trophy on behalf of C Coy following the inspection.

C Coy being inspected

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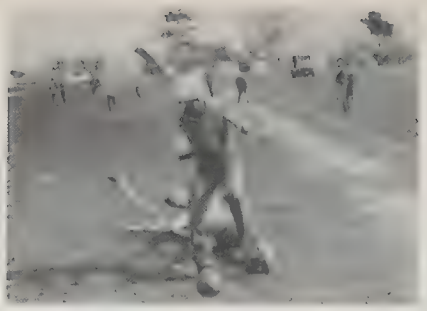

SATURN RAMBLE 79

The Regimental Birthday was no sooner over than advance parties commenced movement to Fort Lewis, Washington, for unit annual weapons classification and training in the Mock Village on fighting in built-up areas.

The weapons classification as usual ran smoothly, although the CO and DCO were finally asked not to return to the pistol range as they were rapidly expending all available 9mm ammunition trying to outshoot each other. The week of weapons classification ended with a falling plate competition and a sports day.

The falling plate competition was won by Sergeant Halcrow and his team from C Company while Major MacMillan and his team from Administration Company took the experts trophy in the falling plate. The over the hill gang needed an extra shot of Geritol before the run-down but one had to admit that once they tottered into position they could still shoot. Following the sports day and pay parade, the unit took a two-day break and small groups flitted into TACOMA and environs for shopping and sightseeing.

The 30th of March saw the return of the unit to serious training in the Mock Village. For some strange reason every attack had as its objective the village pub, on one occasion it was even open although the barmaids were nothing to write home about.

On the 4th of April the unit returned from the field to a steak and free issue and departed for home on the following day. All busses made the traditional stop at the border to take on supplies and SATURN RAMBLE was over for another year.

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COMBAT LEADERS COURSE

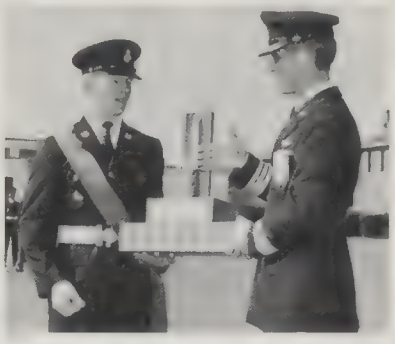
17 April marked the completion of 11 weeks of intensive training for the 27 candidates who graduated from the Combat Leaders Course held at Albert Head.

The course was oriented towards developing leadership qualities in those soldiers who have shown leadership potential. The course covered navigation, battle procedure, instructional techniques, patrolling and drill.

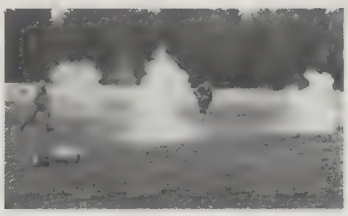
The course commander, Captain G.W. Whiting, organized the course to be demanding, both mentally and physically. An obvious sense of pride and accomplishment was present at the graduation parade. The graduates realized that they were soon to be the junior leaders of the Battalion and that they would soon be putting all their training to use in Cyprus.

The top candidate on the course was Private W.E. Jacklin.

Building a raft



Top candidate, Pte Jacklin



Combat Leaders Course

THE WAINWRIGHT CONCENTRATION 1979

WAINCON 79 started on 7th May for those fortunate members of the 3 PPCLI advance party who would proceed by road to WAINWRIGHT in time to meet the hungry riflemen of A, B and C companies as they arrived by air on the 14th of May. Administration Company had once again performed their magic act of turning a square mile of deserted prairie into a mini-town complete with electric lights, kitchens, gas stations, and even the odd pub. As the song says, "What ain't we got, we ain't got Dames". Some members of the unit refused to believe that there were in fact no members of the fair sex and at least one group headed for the dance at RAINBOW JUNCTION.

The first operation was SHACKLE which was a sweep of the range impact areas for unexploded shells. A large number of duds were amassed and disposed of in a safe manner. This exercise is done every year to keep the training area safe for the large number of troops moving through it, particularly at night.

The week of the 21st of May was taken up with company field firing. The field firing exercises started at section level and progressed through platoon to company live fire exercises. The exercises used live ammunition against man-sized targets and tanks which could be dragged by cables to simulate movement. Throughout there were hidden charges of explosives to lend an air of realism to the exercise. At the end of the exercise the scene was like a John Wayne war movie as riflemen raked trenches with weapon bursts and hurled grenades onto the enemy position. It said much for the training of the companies that any injuries were minor and usually due to shrapnel from grenades which missed their mark and rolled back down towards the grenadier.

A welcome break came on the 30th of May when the unit stood down for a sports day. The Olympic flame was lit by Private Withers who displayed great form in his sprint around the track. A Company walked away with most of the gold medals while the remaining companies laid new plans for a comeback in the fall meet.

On the 3rd of June, Exercise STARLIGHT MADNESS commenced. This exercise had as a principle aim the exercise of the medical system in their ability to evacuate and treat battle casualties. Each battle resulted in a grisly trail of wounded with plastic bones protruding from bloody limbs and artificial blood oozing from gaping wounds. The casualties were a cheerful lot, some second or third timers even gave the medics helpful treatment hints.

On the 7th of June the final Brigade exercise started. 3 PPCLI was the Red Force and began to dig in to repel the capitalist exploiters made up of 1 PPCLI, 2 PPCLI and 1st Battalion, the Light Infantry, the British unit training in WAINWRIGHT. The Red Force was further bolstered by the arrival of a political commisar from the home front, Comrade Colonel Shawnski. The Red Force made the enemy pay dearly for every foot of the motherland and remained firmly entrenched and nearly intact at the conclusion of the war.

By the 15th of June, all ranks were on their way home on the champagne flight out of airfield 21 WAINWRIGHT. The exceptions were the small arms team and the rear party, mainly made up of Administration Company. What goes up must come down as it always did under the supervision of the hard-working Warrant Officer Richardson, CQ of Administration Company.

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CHANGE OF COMMAND

On Friday 29 June, Lieutenant-Colonel G.K. Corbould handed over command of the Third Battalion to Lieutenant-Colonel W.B. Vernon after two years as the Commanding Officer. Brigadier-General P.J. Mitchell was the reviewing officer.

Brigadier-General Mitchell was accompanied by the new Minister of National Defence, the Honorable A.B. McKinnon and the Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General G.G. Brown, on the inspection.

The Old

The New

1 CANADIAN BRIGADE GROUP OPERATIONAL TRAINING DETACHMENT

The past eighteen months have seen 316 new Patricias graduate from the Depot: 82 go to the First Battalion, 140 to the Second Battalion and 94 to the Third Battalion. In addition, we have conducted a motorcycle instructors' course, a Junior Leaders Course and a Winter Warfare Instructors Course.

There has been a significant change in personnel on staff, including a change of Commanding Officers from Major W.J.G. (Bill) Bewick to Major A.J. (Sandy) MacDonald.

The followign platoons graduated:

San Fortunato	Top Recruit	-Pte Warden PR
	Marksmanship Award	-Pte Kingshott PD
	Most Improved	-Pte Galaski PG
	Fitness Award	-Pte McLellan SP
Savio	Top Recruit	-Pte Farley KMJ
	Marksmanship Award	-Pte Bodnar N
	Most Improved	-Pte Hankins RA
	Fitness Award	-Pte Cochrane RW
Fosso Munio	Top Recruit	-Pte Smith VG
	Marksmanship Award	-Pte Davis DB
	Most Improved	-Pte Barthel DA
	Fitness Award	-Pte Penney JT
Northwest Europe	Top Recruit	-Pte Pawson RJ
	Marksmanship Award	-Pte O'Gorman RJ
	Most Improved	-Pte Hobbs SP
	Fitness Award	-Pte Slatford DW
Korea	Top Recruit	-Pte Kemash JE
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	Fitness Award	-Pte Lesiuk DJ
Kapyong	Top Recruit	-Pte Kehoe KR
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	Fitness Award	-Pte Slusarenko AA
Ypres	Top Recruit	-Pte Molsberry BB
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	Most Improved	-Pte Redmond BP
	Fitness Award	-Pte Ponacui O
Vimy	Top Recruit	-Pte Ronisavljevic O
	Marksmanship Award	-Pte Premischook MW
	Most Improved	-Pte MacCaig DA
	Fitness Award	-Pte Melgard RJ
Flanders	Top Recruit	-Pte Tremblett GK
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	Most Improved	-Pte Watt WR
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	Most Improved	-Pte Martin JB
	Fitness Award	-Pte Merasty FC
Hill 70	Top Recruit	-Pte Cain RA
	Marksmanship Award	-Pte Oliphant DA
	Most Improved	-Pte Nowak EW
	Fitness Award	-Pte Girard JMG
Apeldoorn	Top Recruit	-Pte Graham BJ
	Marksmanship Award	-Pte Wiseman HAR
	Most Improved	-Pte Martin RW
	Fitness Award	-Pte Wayne MB

Arleux	Top Recruit	-Pte Towers JT
	Marksmanship Award	-Pte Towers JT
	Most Improve	-Pte Boone DF
	Fitness Award	-Pte Towers JT

Brigadier-General P.J. Mitchell, CD, signing the official handover certificate as Major W.J.G. Bewick (right) and Major A.J. MacDonald (left) look on.

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THE REGIMENTAL BAND
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Major J.F. Pierret, CD
Director of Music

August 1978 saw the arrival of Major Jean Francois Pierret, CD, as the new Director of Music and with this, the Band metamorphosis had begun. WO John van Liempt, TQ 7 graduate of Canadian Forces School of Music, Victoria, was next arrival and is our solo clarinetist; Sergeant John Wills from the Winnipeg band is our new principal french horn; Sergeant Dennis Collier from Gagetown is our new assistant principal trumpet; Sergeant Gordie Rogers from CFB Corwallis, is our new addition to the trombone section; and Corporal George Hill, a direct entry from Sault St Marie, is the new addition to the trumpet section. In addition, the School of Music in Victoria sent us four of their finest graduates: Private vander Linden (If the name sounds familiar, his father was a member of this Band for 25 years and retired in July, 1979), Private Mat Lemay, Private Miller and Private Stu Pike, whose father was a member of the Vimy Band in Kingston. Other newcomers were MWO Jim McKirdy, our new solo trumpetist, is a recent arrival from CFB Europe, where he was Bandmaster of the Baden-SOlingen station band, and WO Don Russel, solo flutist, also a recent arrival from the Central Band in Ottawa.

The Band welcomed back MWO John French from CFB Esquimalt School of Music. MWO French was with us from 1975 to 1977 and was returned by popular demand, as our new assistant director of music.

A number of our members have left on retirement or posting. CaptainLen Camplin retired and lives in Kelowna and is now conducting the Okanagan Symphony. MWO Sheldon Richarson, the Band's arranger, retired and lives in Victoria. Two of his arrangements were adopted by the Forces, the first one was the slow march, "Lili Marlene", and the second was "The Longest Day", adopted as the Airborne Regimental March. CWO J. Roberti, our assistant director of music, has also gone West and calls Vernon home, andSergeant Theo vander Linden also retired to the sunny Okanagan. Warrant Officer Art vander Burg, our solo clarinetist, retired in 1978 as did WO Cliff Hails; both remained in sunny Alberta. Sergeant Hamilton, our basso trombonist, was posted to Winnipeg, and Sergeant Steve Cook was posted to CFB Chilliwack. Not a note was lost while these changes were taking place, though sometimes a bit hectic, "the band played on."

Some of the 1978/1979 highlights include the opening of the Legislature in Edmonton, and a benefit concert in the Jubilee Auditorium in Calgary, for Camp Horizon. In Victoria the Band played at the Freedom of the City parade for 3 PPCLI and took part in the Guard of Honour for our Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Brabourne.

We carried out a recruiting tour of Saskatchewan following which time we went below the 49th parallel to participate in the 48th Annual Band Day Festival in Williston, North Dakota, USA. In July, the Band participated in the annual Calgary Stampede parade and nightly in the Grandstand Show. The Band also performed in greater Vancouver as part of our annual recruiting tour, playing concerts at various high schools.

In early 1979 the Band travelled to Yellowknife, NWT, to participate in the festivities held on the occasion of the Visit of His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales.

Sergeant Neil Gow was given the honour of being the official bugler at the funeral of the Right Honorable John G. Diefenbaker in August. A European tour is scheduled for October 1979. Part of our itinerary is the Vimy Memorial Parade, a concert in Holland and mess dinners in Lahr.

In retrospect, 1978 and 1979 were years of many personnel changes. Many fine musicians retired or were posted; however, our new members are fast becoming part of the Patricia family.

New Faces in the PPCLI Band
From left to right: MWO Jim McKirdy, Cpl George Hill, Pte Stu Pike, MWO John French, Pte Joe vander Linden, Pte Matt Lemay, WO Don Russell, Pte Miller

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THE CANADIAN AIRBORNE REGIMENT

Captain K.H. Gotthardt, CD

The past year, the Regiment's second at CFB Petawawa, has been both a demanding and exciting year. Colonel K.R. Foster assumed command of the Regiment in July. Major J.S.H. (Jim) Kempling became DCO of 2 Cdo. Other new arrivals were Captain R.E. (Bob) Thompson, Ops O 2 Cdo; Lieutenant D.J. (Joe) Danyleyko, Recce Pl 1 Cdo; and Lieutenant R.E. (Ron) Sussey, OC 10 Pl 2 Cdo. Captain H.T. (Harry) Kranenburg represents us at SSF HQ.

Exercises

Section, platoon and company level training was conducted during September. D Company, commanded by Major A.J. (Sandy) MacDonald, was tasked with the demonstration for Exercise MOBILE WARRIOR. The Regiment then departed on Exercise NEPTUNE RAIDER I in October. This exercise taught us a new fear, namely the Atlantic Ocean. The Regiment was initially airlanded at Halifax and we were then brought aboard our ships. The co-operation with the Navy was excellent. Operating from HMCS ANNAPOLIS and FRASER we deployed by assault boat to the shores of Cape Breton by both day and night. The local population lined the beaches and afforded us a liberator's welcome. The exercise concluded with a para descent onto DZ NORMANDY upon return to CFB Petawawa.

D Company was tasked, once again, for a repeat performance of Exercise MOBILE WARRIOR for the MND Barney Danson and his guest, Defence Minister Rolf Hansen of Norway. The MND took the opportunity to announce a new role of the SSF. The Force will assume the CAST combat role in September 1980.

Early February saw the Regiment deploying to Shilo, Manitoba on Exercise OPTIC NERVE. This exercise had been originally scheduled for Labrador, however, mild weather conditions in that rendered it unsuitable. A platoon of thirty-six German paratroopers from Nagold, West Germany, was attached to 2 Cdo. Climatic conditions were ideal (– 37 °C) and the Regiment set out to defeat the Fantasian foe and drove him back into the sea at Port Shilo. Once the situation had been normalized, Fort Shilo authorities assumed the policing duties and the Regiment returned to CFB Petawawa awaiting its next assignment.

In March the Regimental Commander found a novel way to avoid the late winter blues. The Regiment, after discarding snowshoes, parkas, mukluks, etc, deployed to Fort Bragg. After a 3½ hour flight we conducted a parachute assault onto DZ NORMANDY. Immediately after exit from the aircraft it hit us — the warm sun of North Carolina. Due to the task at hand, we could not enjoy it as much as we desired. During an initial 30-hour exercise we were successful in defeating our foe, the 1/504 Battalion of the 82nd Airborne Division. The following day was initiated by a Regimental parade followed by demonstrations of the John F. Kennedy Centre of Military Assistance (Green Berets). In addition, the 2 Cdo Armoured Defence Platoon conducted contact training with the TOW Platoon of the Combat Support Company of the 1/504 Battalion. The following day 1/504 Battalion and the Regiment conducted platoon weapons firing and that night we were hosted to a barbecue. Hopefully we will be able to maintain this initial contact and transform it into small unit exchanges. A lot is to be gained by both sides.

Ex Georgian Strike II

Exercise GEORGIAN STRIEK II this year had a scenario painted around a CAST Brigade Group role. The exercise proved extremely interesting and was a welcome change to the normal conventional role portrayed during exercises.

We had the opportunity once again to display our battle drill skills to the other English-speaking Regiment, which was acting as the enemy force. In good airborne tradition the enemy was defeated and "BORDENFOSS" was saved for NATO.

Cpl Rattray, 2 Cdo Recce P1, prepares his map for Ex OPTIC NERVE.

Cpl O'Connor, 2 Cdo Int Sect, marks the battle map prior to Ex OPTIC NERVE.

Colonel K.R. Foster with the Regimental Orders Group for Ex OPTIC NERVE.

MCpl Burrage, 2 Cdo Armoured Defence Platoon, uses his expertise to check the terrain.

MCpl Hazel boarding the aircraft with all his belongings during Ex OPTIC NERVE.

Battle School

The last two weeks in May the Regiment's sub-units were put through their paces at battle school. It consisted of a grenade assault range, a tank hunting range, a platoon night ambush, a section attack and a platoon night attack. The school concluded with a company test exercise which consisted of a raid in enemy territory to snatch a radar set. E Company, led by Major I.S. (Ike) Kennedy, RCR, won this competition and as a result received 12 cases of beer.

The Cdo Sergeant-Major of 2 Cdo, CWO E.K. Witt, developed a section test exercise, based on the present 1 CBG battle drills. A section in D Company, led by Master Corporal Green, won this competition. It is anticipated that the other English-speaking Regiment will adopt these battle drills in the near future. The Airborne Regiment has adopted them in any case and will refine them during the upcoming training year.

Section orders during the 2 Cdo Section Test exercise, competing for the Witt Trophy.

A Section in action during the 2 Cdo Section Test exercise.

Courses

TQ 4 courses were conducted in the form of a Machine Gun, Communicator, Driver's and Surveillance Equipment Operator's Courses during November. IN addition, 2 Cdo conducted a Basic TOW Gunner's Course with 21 candidates in August 1978 to prepare a 35-man platoon for an exchange with Para Battalion 252 in Nagold, West Germany. Sergeant I.B. (Ian) Culbertson was the top candidate.

The Regiment conducted a Patrol/Pathfinder Course in October. The course included Exercise NEPTUNE RAIDER I, where the pathfinders operated from the submarine HMCS ONONDAGA. Lieutenant R.E. Sussey emerged as the top candidate.

Several Airborne Indoctrination Courses were conducted to introduce new personnel to the Regiment.

MCpl Hughes receiving the RSM Reekie Trophy for the best candidate on the Airborne Indoctrination Course, from LCol Gilchrist.

Sniper Course

In April 1979 the Regiment conducted a sniper's course. Out of 12 candidates who started, only four graduated. This says a lot for the standard we require for our snipers.

Jump Bivouac

The Canadian Airborne Regiment's annual jump bivouac has now become an institution. This year's bivouac was executed during May. Former members of the Regiment along with other Canadian Forces jumpers, both Regular and Reserve Force, shared aircraft with jumpers from the United Kingdom, United States, West Germany, France and Australia.

Small Unit Exchange

This year saw the beginning of reciprocal training exchange with German Airborne Forces. In September Lieutenant K.H. (Karl) Gotthardt led a platoon of TOW gunners during a jump bivouac at Mengen, West Germany. On completion of the jump bivouac they trained for one week with Luftlande Panzerabwehr 250 (AB ATK Coy). The training was both interesting and educationa.

To reciprocate, a rifle platoon was invited to participate in winter training with the Regiment during January and February. After achieving all Performance Objectives in Basic Winter Warfare, the Germans from Fallschirmjager bataillon 252 (Para Bn 252) deployed to Shilo with 2 Commando. On completion of the exercise, they spent one week on a sightseeing trip of London, Niagara Falls, Kingston and Ottawa. The cold weather and large amounts of snow will be an everlasting memory for these 35 soldiers from souther Germany.

Social Events

"Tony, there really is a Santa Clause!" MCpls Pedrosa and Burrage at the Men's Christmas Dinner.

On 9 September 1978, the Regiment held a Mess Dinner to honour Major-General H.C. Pitts, MC, CD, who retired to a farm in Carlton Township near Ottawa, after a long and successful military career. He was our senior serving member and commanded the Airborne Regiment from 1971 to 1973.

Regimental Day was celebrated on 16 March 1979, as is custom in the Regiment, with a para descent followed by the traditional Broom-i-loo game. Winners will be announced when one of the teams concedes defeat. The evening was celebrated with a mixed dining-in at the Officers' Mess.

Forth-coming Events

On 29 June 2 Cdo's Change of Command will in essence, be the day the Airborne Regiment is also reorganized. The Regiment will then consist of three Commandos with four rifle platoons and a support weapons platoon. Major J.S.H. (Jim) Kempling is the CO designate of the re-organized 2nd Airborne Commando.

The Regiment is once again looking forward to productive training year during 79/80, which will include Mountain School as well as all of the usual activities.

AIRBORNE!!

CANADIAN AIRBORNE CENTRE

Patricias continue to serve with distinction at the Canadian Airborne Centre. Accounting for 17 of 62 positions as of June 1979, the Patricia contingent is evident in every wing of the Unit from parachute instructors and packer/rigger instructors to trials and evaluation to administrators.

Patricias serving at CABC

Left to right, front row: Capt Wilkinson; Capt Smith; LCol Manuel; Capt Boll.
Left to right, centre row: Sgt Bolen; WO Jacquard; WO Schuler; Sgt Scully; Sgt Harb, Sgt Cabelguen; Sgt Goebel; Sgt Topham.
Left to right, rear row: Sgt Stipchick; Sgt Winzoski.
Missing: Sgt Sabean, Sgt Greenshields.

By way of information, particularly for those uninitiated who have not visited CABC for parachute training or some other course, the Unit consists of 62 all ranks, offers seven different courses and trains an average of 1500 students annually.

Basically ,CABC has a small administrative headquarters plus three Wings:

a. Parachute Training Wing, which is responsible for —
   (1) Basic Para Courses,
   (2) Jumpmaster Courses,
   (3) Para Instructor Courses,
   (4) Military Freefall Para, including Instructor and Jumpmaster training, and
   (5) Rappelmaster training;

b. Air Logistics Support Training Wing, which is responsible for —
   (1) Packer/Rigger Courses,
   (2) Unit Emplaning Officer/Drop Zone Controller Courses, and
   (3) Helicopter Sling Loading Refresher Training, on request; and

c. Airborne Trials and Evaluation Section, which is responsible for trialling all natures of airborne equipment and procedures ranging from new para helmets to air-dropping 1¼ ton trucks.

In addition, CABC is the home of the Canadian Forces Parachute Team, the Sky Hawks. This team of highly experienced freefallers travel the nation each summer in a demonstration and public relations role and has achieved an enviable record for both showmanship and safety.

Canadian Forces Parachute Team "The Sky Hawks" parachuting onto the Alberta Legislature grounds in the Spring 1979.

As is the case with many specialist units, CABC has participated in some unusual assignments.

During the summer of 1978, Captain Norm Wilkinson and Sergeant Roger Scully proceeded to Kenya in a military assistance role. Their task was to aid the Kenyan Army in resolving airborne training and equipment problems. Their stay in Kenya was longer than expected and the problems greater than anticipated; however, both individuals need little inducement to entertain any who will listen with tales from Africa. By all accounts, official and unofficial, Capt Wilkinson and Sgt Scully made their mark in Kenya, applying their professional skills and resolving an inordinate number of problems.

Many visitors call at CABC. In fact, an average of some 300 per year keep us busy putting on demonstrations and conducting tours of the facilities. In the past year, CABC has hosted visitors from the USA, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, foreign students from CLFSC and military attachees of foreign governments, not to mention innumerable staff officers from our respective HQs.

Another point of attraction at CABC is the Canadian Airbor- Forces Museum. Many older Patricias who have served in the Airborne role would certainly find this Museum second to none in depicting the history of Canada's Airborne.

The Museum is located in the old Junior Ranks' canteen building in Hamilton Gault Barracks within Griesbach, and is open Sunday to Wednesday inclusive, with special tours provided on request.

In conclusion, as the readers may well detect, the PPCLI representatives at CABC are kept quite busy. The employment here is challenging, varied and interesting.

All Patricians serving at CABC extend warm greetings to those serving at home and abroad and encourage those who have not done so, to pay a visit to CABC.

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COMBAT TRAINING CENTRE

The "small band" of Patricias we spoke of in last year's Patrician is growing by leaps and bounds. Patricias are everywhere it seems! Some manage to escape back to the West a little more quickly than others but, nevertheless, the group manages to hang in together. Most of us work in the Infantry School and for that reason we'll begin there.

INFANTRY SCHOOL

School Headquarters

Major Barry Winfield has been the Chief Instructor here at the School for the last year, but by the time this is published he will have been promoted and posted to Calgary. Captain Bill Guscott has been the Training Officer and Captain Doug Martin took over recently as the Adjutant; before that, he was OC Support Company.

The Infantry Standards song and dance team of long standing consisting of Captains Mike McMurtrie and Dave Giacomelli is about to be broken up. (Yes Virginia — sad but true!) Mike is remaining for yet another year while Dave can barely be restrained. He's off to Victoria, you see.

CWO Gerry Smith has been the School RSM for the past year and he too is moving West — back to his old Battalion in Winnipeg.

WO Jim Martens receives his British parachute wings from Maj (now LCol) Barry Winfield

A Company

Major Al Johnston commands A Company and he looks after the OCdt Phase IV, Company Commander and Company Sergeant-Major courses, among others. He is presently taking over the duties of the Chief Instructor.

Captain Vince Kennedy is more or less his second-in-command and is very much looking forward to his upcoming posting as the exchange officer with the Royal Green Jackets. Captain Ken Lacey has just moved over from CTC HQ where he was SO3 Ops. (Couldn't stand the paperwork, you know.) The most patient man in the school, without doubt, has to be MWO Len Connell. Riding herd on a Phase IV Course consisting of one major, about ten captains and something like seventy or so lieutenants is not many people's idea of how to spend your summer vacation. WO Steve Kozlik is the CQ for A Company.

Capt Jeff Swain — our resident Australian

B Company

Plenty of workers abound in B Company. Captain Jeff Swain is our new exchange officer from the Royal Australian Regiment. Jeff is a veteran of Vietnam and has been involved since his arrival with Phase II Officer Candidate Training as the Training Officer. Captain Arnie Lavoie is the Company comedian as all of you who know him will confirm. Just a barrel of laughs. His straight man is WO Wally Komadina who does his best to keep the act a success. Both of these gentlemen conduct Phase II Officer Training along with many others. WO Bill Picken and newly promoted WO Ed Borchert have just completed a Phase III course along with WO Jim Martens and WO Dave Gould, both of whom arrived in the fall of 1978 from the Canadian Airborne Regiment. WO "Butch" Oertel, a relatively new arrival, is also employed as a section instructor. MWO George Arndt somehow managed to become the course Warrant Officer for the Militia female basic officers' course (RESO). WO Bill Gray cracked his ankle last winter and only just recently gave up his crutches. He's been heavily involved with Phase II of officer cadet training and is spending this summer with that organization.

Capt Lavoie being presented with his CD this year by Maj Winfield. (There, Arnie, now you have to put it up!)

C Company

It just so happens that the day this was being written Captain Ken Nette became a Field Officer with a well earned promotion and is off to Staff College in Quantico, USA with the Marines. Captain Mike Goodspeed runs the TOW shop and is the envy of all the officers this summer since he was chosen to be the platoon commander of the militia female basic officers course (RESO). It must be that innocent looking face that fooled them! Captain "Black Pat" Paterson is in between jobs at the moment, his normal state of affairs. He is working on Phase IV this summer and will be producing the leadership package of Infantry officer classification training.

MWO Lyle Ransome is the Company Sergeant-Major and appears to have actually succeeded the other day in convincing his British exchange officer OC in getting a haircut. MWO Ransome is retiring this year to take up farming. Some rest! MWO "Knobby" Clark is leaving the TOW organization and is taking up CSM duties in Calgary. Watch for a 1930 Ford chugging its way west this fall. WO Gil Hopkins will be staying on an extra year as second-in-command of TOW.

MWO Lyle Ransome in a lighter moment.

WO Mike McCarthy has spent his first year with the School in the Small Arms Platoon after his arrival from the Airborne Regiment and he'll soon be headed back.

WO Mike McCarthy during his last day at the School.

Support Company

Support Company is the home of the Patricia Junior Ranks. MCpl Frank McArdle and MCpl John Welsh both are employed with Demonstration Platoon but for the present time are working as storemen with various courses.

MCpl Bill Turner just back from the field.

MCpl Charlie Naugler keeps a watchful eye on Support Company stores. MCpl Turner was a section commander in Demo Platoon and has been A Company's storeman this summer. He too is off to Calgary. MCpl Jim Bowden and MCpl Jordan Rice are serving with Demo Platoon although MCpl Rice did a short stint with the Combat Training Centre's Range Control Staff. Cpl Bill Bradford is relatively new to the School. He began last January with Demo Platoon. Cpl Al Turcott just returned from Egypt.

Good ole Cpl Bill Bradford from Support Company.

The Infantry has only one Patricia Private — Private Ron Polvi, who is with the Transport Section. He is not intimidated in the least by the number of Royals in his midst!!!

COMBAT TRAINING CENTRE HEADQUARTERS AND CFB GAGETOWN

Lieutenant-Colonel Art Neadow is our senior Patricia at CTC HQ. He's SSO Personnel at the moment and can be counted upon to spend his lunch hours practising up on his badminton game. Major Dave Campbell *still* hasn't seen the other side of the water tower (rumour has it that he even shot his annual classification on an indoor range!!!).

CFB Gagetown Broom-i-loo teams, 17 March, 1979.

Definitely a bad crew next — Captains Jerry Flaman, Jack McGee and John Desolla, working as SO3 Plans, SO3 Ops and Base Secretariat respectively. These three gentlemen can easily be identified by the fact that on most Fridays they appear in civilian clothes ready to go out for a luncheon. Captain Ron Johnson also hangs his hat in the same building — he's SO3 Taskings and Captain Marv Dyck runs the Range Control empire.

MWO Stanley Stothard arrived last year from the Airborne Regiment and now works out of Ops Div. For this spring period he was attached to the Infantry School as the Second-in-Command of Advanced Reconnaissance Patrolman Course which was conducted for the first time.

Oddly enough, almost all of the Patricia sergeants serve everywhere but the Infantry School. Sgts John Daly, Danny Gaudett and Gord Granger show the Armour School daily how the Infantry does things. Sgt "Duke" Fall works out of Range Control with Capt Dyck.

WO Reg Gurr works in Ops/Div section at CTC Headquarters and will soon be off to the Airborne Regiment. Sgt Bob Fife was the Intelligence Sergeant at Tactics and Development Division until his recent retirement — the best of luck to you, Bob.

MCpl Joe Jesso does his thing in the Map Library here on the base. Cpl Ed Cody and Cpl Al Brown both represent the Patricia Junior Ranks in the Armour School. Cpl Gerry Daniels keeps the Carleton Officer's Mess in fine shape with his carpentry skills as well as the Tactics and Development model section.

LCol Art Neadow graciously accepts the "Spent Casing Trophy" on behalf of the Officers from MWO Len Connel.

Social Functions

This year the Gagetown Patricias held their normal festivities. The season was kicked off with a "Meet and Greet" in the early fall during which many old friends were reunited and new acquaintances were made.

There was a Christmas party held especially for the children. WO Bill Picken really outdid himself as Santa Claus.

The March 17 festivities were really the highlight of the social activities for the Patricias. Thursday night the Officers held a mess dinner to steel themselves for the upcoming meeting on the field of honour. On Friday, the other ranks and the officers set to in their annual Broom-i-loo game and the officers managed to hold the "Spent Casing Trophy" for yet another year. The weekend was then capped off by an all ranks dance on Saturday night.

Only in Canada you say . . .
Left to Right: MCpl Bowden, Cpl Bradford, Sgt Gurr, WO Hopkins, MWO Ransome, Pte Polvi, WO Komadine, WO Gould.

Brigadier (Ret'd) J.A. deLalanne, CBE, MC, CD, visited the Phase III graduating class on 29 Nov 78. Here he meets Pte Polvi of Support Company, Infantry School at the "Better Ole" held by the Gagetown Patricias for the Brigadier.

Student Achievements

It's always good to see visiting Patricias down here and better to see them do well on their courses. This year Patricias topped a number of career and advanced specialty courses including the following:

Phase III Officer Classification Training — Lt Tyrell;
Advanced TOW — Lt J. Lockyer, 1 PPCLI;
Advanced Pioneer — Lt Coak, 2 PPCLI;
Small Arms — WO R.S. Aspinwall, 3 PPCLI;
Platoon WO (6B) WO E. Borchert, Infantry School;
Advanced Machine Gun — Sgt J. Miller, 2 PPCLI;
Advanced Sniper Course — Cpl S.W. Mockford, 1 PPCLI;
OCdt Ph IV — 2Lt K.A. MacDonald, 1 PPCLI;

Graduates from Phase III with BGen deChastelain and LCol Ells. Left to Right: 2Lt R.G. Greenaway, 2Lt R.L. Johnson, Capt T.D. Howard, 2Lt G.R. Gauthier, 2Lt R.J. Hansen, 2Lt B.D. Harris, 2Lt D.M. Beauchamp, 2Lt G.B. O'Sullivan, 2Lt G.P. McNally.

2Lt Tyrell receiving the top candidate certificate on Phase III from LGen J.J. Paradis, Commander Mobile Command.

WO Ed Borchert, Top Student on the 6B course, receives his ward from BGen J.J. Barret, Commander, Combat Training Centre.

2Lt K.A. MacDonald, Top Student, Infantry Phase IV

The end of another busy year at CFB Gagetown was marked by the Graduation Parade and General Barret's Change of Command parade. It was with pride that Patricias watched 2Lt K.A. MacDonald lead the graduates onto the parade square.

The Eastern detachment, PPCLI, is strong in number and character and looks forward to the challenges of the upcoming year.

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CANADIAN FORCES RECRUIT SCHOOL

Captain E.F. Parker, CD

During the past year, the Cornwallis Contingent of the Regiment has shrunk from a high of over 30, to the present level of around 20 Patricias. Despite the reduced numbers, however, the "Army of the West in the East" continues to add a significant amount of colour to what might otherwise be a "Green" School.

With the posting of Captain Frank Parker, School Administration Officer, to 1 PPCLI, the Senior Patricia at CFRS is now MWO Al Stever. He is now in his third year as a Company Senior Instructor (CSI), first of C and now B Company.

Our resident "old-timer" at CFRS, MWO Wally Scharf, retired after 25 years of service. Wally spent his last three years as CSI of B Company. He and his family are now settled in Nanaimo, where he is no doubt catching up on a lot of fishing.

Also retiring this year, is Warrant Officer Ed Richardson, who has served both as a Platoon Commander and as a Standards Officer at CFRS.

Warrant Officer Jim Woolley, who came to us from 3 Canadian Mechanized Commando, has spent the last three years commanding 1 Platoon, which, coincidentally, is almost all Patricia. He has now been posted to 3 PPCLI.

The last remaining Patricia Warrant Officer at CFRS is another import from Germany, Warrant Bob Bennett. Bob, who arrived in 1978, commands 12 Platoon.

WO Bob Bennett, Commander of 12 Platoon, counsels one of his recruits.

The Senior NCOs, who shouldered a great deal of the responsibility for ensuring that standards remained high, were the Platoon Training Sergeants (2ICs). These included Sergeants Jim Smith and Brian Anderson, both of whom have now completed two years at CFRS. Sgt "Fritz" Friedrich, who has spent the last three years as a Platoon 2IC and Acting Platoon Commander, has left us for the School of Military Engineering in Chilliwack.

Sgt Jim Smyth passes on some of the finer points of basic map using on to two of his recruits.

An important part of the CFRS organization is Lecture Platoon, whose various cadres are responsible for most of the classroom instruction given to new recruits. Representing the Regiment here are: Sgt Larry Ruck, who, after a year in a training platoon, now commands the General Service Knowledge Cadre; Sgts Marcel Tessier and "JJ" Thomas, both of whom are working in the Weapons Cadre, after tours in the training platoons. Sgt Rus Hatter, was promoted this year and is working in First Aid Station.

Other newly promoted Senior NCOs include Sgts Mike Snea and Bob Arsenault, both recently arrived from 3 RCR Germany, and Sgt Bruce Lemessurier, who came to us this year from 2 Commando. Bruce was presented the Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation this year, for his part in rescuing a canoeist from the Chilliwack River, while serving with the Airborne Regiment.

Sgt Greg Rushworth occupies a rather unique position at CFRS, as he commands one of the three female training platoons; it seems that there have been a large number of women running around Cornwallis wearing PPCLI T-shirts lately!

Women in the Combat Arms? Sgt Greg Rushworth does some unofficial recruiting.

One of the hardest working groups at the School are the Master Corporals, who are each directly responsible for turning 20 or 30 civies into well turned-out servicemen in just 11 weeks. This select group of individuals MCpls Gerry Bowen (7 Pl), Jerry Cawley (5Pl), John Loxterkamp (6 Pl), Rick McCluskey (1 Pl), Marty MacIsaac (1 Pl), Tom McMullin (8 Pl), Bill Tarbett (7 Pl), Gord Tyerman (1 Pl), Vern Wagler (9 Pl), Randy Wiken (9 Pl) and Don Collins (5 Pl — now "resting" in NBCD Section!)

Perfection is demanded, no matter what the order of dress. MCpl Vern Wagler checks the fine details.

Although most Patricias posted to CFRS come here as instructors, there is a growing number appearing on the 'base' side of the house. Chief among them is WO Ed Bulger, the Base General Safety Officer/Base Patricia. It appears that Ed has been at Cornwallis so long that he can remember when "Mick the Stick" was Base RSM!

WO Nick MacEachern, another CFRS veteran, joined us from 2 PPCLI last year, and is now firmly established as the Base Accommodation Warrant Officer. Despite the heavy workload (??!!) he still finds time to help out with the local Cadet Corps and the Base Defence Force.

Retiring this past year, after 29 years of service, is Sergeant John MacIsaac, who, after serving for a while at CFRS, was transferred to the Base as Assistant BGSO. John was presented with a Regimental plaque at our annual Regimental Day celebration.

Last, but not least, MCpl Brian Furlong, another ex-CFRS type, has been doing a fine job as the Junionr Ranks Club Mess Manager.

Cornwallis Contingent

2554 PPCLI CADET CORPS

Cadet Band with Drum-Major Luikaitus leading.

LCol MacKenzie, CO 1 PPCLI, asking Cadet Baker a few short questions during the annual inspection.

LCol MacKenzie presenting Cadet Carswell with the trophy for the Best Junior Bandsman.

Cadet Captain Chapman, the Cadet CO, presenting LCol MacKenzie with a toekn of their appreciation on LCol MacKenzie's final inspection of the Cadets.

THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

Royal Green Jacket News

1978

1st Battalion

Sun — Sea — The Exotic East — Lazy days spent soaking up the warmth. These were the thoughts that filled all our minds prior to departure for Hong Kong. After several years of turbulence and unaccompanied tours around the world, the Battalion was to settle down and enjoy a rest in the Orient, the Battalion was to settle down and enjoy a rest in the Orient. It was not to be.

The Battalion's role in Hong Kong is varied and demanding. Our primary role, and the reason for which the Hong Kong taxpayer has to pay 75% of the cost of our presence here, is threefold. To preserve the integrity of the Hong Kong border, to assist the police, if called upon, in maintaining order, and to come to the aid of the civil authorities if required. That commitment, coupled with the necessity to train for three types of warfare, Internal Security, Conventional Limited War and Jungle Operations, has not lessened over the years despite an ever decreasing garrison. This has meant that the Battalion has been at full stretch throughout the year. Fulfilling our commitments has not been helped by the establishment reduction to 650 for an Infantry battalion, to which we reorganized for a move to Hong Kong. The picture, however, is never as gloomy as it may sound. There has been time for much varied training during the year as the activities of the companies will show.

Our role of 'preserving the integrity of the border' is achieved by spending thirteen weeks each year stationed along the land frontier that joins the New Territories of Hong Kong to mainland Communist China. This involves a minimum of three companies at a time, manning observation posts and mounting anti-illegal immigrant patrols. The importance of the first task cannot be overstated since the OPs provide the only overt source of intelligence the West has on the activities of the Chinese Communist Army; and sharp-eyed Riflemem, well trained over the last few years in this type of work, have produced a steady stream of useful information. The patrolling is, however, our major task and the Battalion produces between 40 and 50 ambush patrols nightly along the 26 kilometres of the land frontier; their targets being communist Chinese fleeing from Red China into an already dangerously overcrowded Hong Kong. Once caught the illegal immigrants are returned to China daily.

Infantry battalions tend over here to be judged on their performance on the border, and it was with some satisfaction that on the recently completed tour, we established an all time record for the number of illegal immigrants caught during a single tour.

2nd Battalion

The last edition of the Newsletter left us training hard for our four-month tour in South Armagh. The Battalion deployed there in early December 1977 to the now familiar sounding names of Crossmaglen, Forkhill, Newry, Newtonhamilton and Bessbrook. It was not long before the opposition got wind of our presence and tried to make their point by trying to blow up a patrol of B Company's near Crossmaglen.

We celebrated Christmas as best we could. However, we were delighted to see a party from the Band who had come to cheer us up (successfully) and also our old friend from Gibraltar, Father Ronnie Brown. The advent of the New Year passed almost unnoticed and Arctic weather descended on South Armagh. February was a black month with the death of the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Iain Corden-Lloyd and Rifleman Nicholas Smith. It is difficult to put into words what Colonel Iain's death meant to us all and perhaps the most fitting tribute was a quotation which appeared in the Battalion magazine 'Public Eye', "The true test of excellence is not immediate success but durable fame." In the true tradition of Riflemen, adversity did not get everyone down and life proceeded with vigour, as Colonel Iaian would have wished.

We eventually shook off the mud and snow of Ulster in early April and after several alarms and excursions, flew back to England.

The new Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Treneer-Michell was ready and waiting in Tidworth where a hectic week of parties and Boards of Officers was spent before the Battalion scattered to the four winds for a month's well earned leave.

After leave in August, the Battàlion took over duties as Spearhead Battalion. Papers were scanned anxiously each day but none of the nap selections came up, although the possibility of joining Owens Africa Corps kept some people hoping.

The Indian summer heralded the start of the FTX season and the Battalion took part in 8 Field Force FTX. The whole Battalion dug in on Stanford Training Area including Battalion Headquarters (with a little Engineer help). Meanwhile an Advance Party moved to Cyprus to set up Exercise Ready Rifles on an old missile site just outside Episkopi in the Western Sovereign Base Area. As this is being written, A and B Companies and elements of HQ Company are enjoying the sun, sea and pleasures of Windsurfing interspersed with forays onto the training area. Mid-November will see the Battalion home again and after yet another FTX, hopefully Christmas at home for the first time in 15 years.

3rd Battalion

Any thoughts in October 1977 that the Battalion could anticipate a quiet Christmas at home were rudely disturbed in early November by rumours of an impending strike by the firemen. With fourteen 'Green Goddess' fire engines on the square at Caterham we became increasingly aware that we might be involved. After a series of hasty conferences and reconnaissances on Remembrance Sunday, the companies moved into their Service Fire Stations that night, ready for the next day's inferno. With A Company at Croydon, R and subsequently B Company at Camberwell and Dulwich and S Company at Sutton and Bromley were were responsible for providing fire cover for nearly four million people. The strike soon proved to be more than a five-day wonder and as the weeks slipped by, our original plans for Public Duties, Christmas, Embarkation Leave and Northern Ireland training were all consigned to the waste paper basket. Fire fighting proved to be exciting and in many ways sheer good fun. It certainly exercised the sound military qualities of speed, control and good team-work. One bonus was operating in one of our own recruiting areas where many riflemen had a fund of local knowledge. We received the most heart warming response from the locals including many gifts over the Christmas period. At last, after dealing with nearly 500 fires, the Battalion returned to Caterham in early January. Throughout the strie we had been providing our share of guards for Public Duties, a load which fell mainly on B Company and, for the final Queen's Guard, R Company. The Battalion then departed on three weeks well earned block leave before turning its attention to Ulster.

We had been very much a Belfast Battalion, and rusty at that, with our last tour in 1975, so the prospect of the more rural areas of Londonderry and Tyrone was new and exciting. After a short weekend the Battalion moved to Lydd in Kent to start practical training. We had just over ten days to achieve the operational standards required on arrival in the Province.

The Battalion is responsible for some 200 square miles east and south of the City of Londonderry including nearly 20 miles of the border with the Republic. Much of our time is spent in routine patrolling or static guard tasks. Only occasionally do major operations or terrorist incidents provide the long-awaited excitement. On several occasions terrorists have come across the border and ambushed patrols or shot-up check points, in one case with an M60 machine gun. Bomb teams from across the river attacked local commercial and communications targets. On the success side our searches have recovered several weapons and bomb making equipment. On three occasions our patrols have engaged or arrested gunmen moving into position, which is particularly satisfying.

From wet and windy Londonderry we wish all our friends the best for 1979.

General Sir Edwin Bramall, CGB, OBE, MC, ADC(Gen), Representative Colonel Commandant and Chief of the General Staff designate, looking at a memorial of the 60th Royal American Regiment (Later Kin's Royal Rifle Corps) who were based in Pennsylvania shortly after they were raised.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

The Battle of Long Tan

On 18 August 1966 in South Vietnam, D Company of the Sixth Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (6 RAR), on the routine search contacted an enemy force of four battalions. The action that ensued became known as the Battle of Long Tan and was the heaviest engagement of Australian Forces in Vietnam since the Australian commitment began in 1962. Today the battle is commemorated annually by The Royal Australian Regiment.

The Australian area of operations in South Vietnam was centered on Phuc Tuy Province, a rice and rubber growing area approximately 40 x 50 kilometres in size, located to the southeast of Saigon and bordering the South China Sea. In 1966 the Province was an important enemy resupply and staging area.

In the early months of 1966 the Australians began to establish a permanent defended base area at Nui Dat which was to become the home of the 1st Australian Task Force (1 ATF). By August the Task Force at Nui Dat comprised:

a. 5 RAR and 6 RAR;
b. 1 APC Sqn RAAC;
c. 1 Fd Regt (105mm) RAA;
d. A Bty 2/35 US Arty Bn (155mm);
e. 1 Fd Sqn RAE; and
f. 161 (Indep) Recce Flt (H15).

During the early hours of 17 August the Viet Cong mounted a heavy mortar, rocket and artillery attack on Nui Dat. Effective interdiction and counter battery missions were fired in retaliation and 6 RAR, then involved in company operations close to the base area, was ordered to locate and destroy the enemy force responsible. Prior to this attack there had been little intelligence indicating that an enemy force of significant size had moved into the Province.

B Company 6 RAR (B/6 RAR) quickly moved to the general area of the enemy firing points some two kilometres east of the base area and discovered hastily abandoned positions. The company spent the remainder of the day and the morning of 18 August investigating the numerous trails leading from the enemy position but without success. At mid-day, CO 6RAR ordered D/6 RAR to relieve B/6 RAR and continue the search further east.

After liaising with B/6 RAR in place D/6 Rar, with a strength of 108, continued to follow the direction of the enemy withdrawal. By 1530 hours the company had entered the Long Tan rubber plantation and was deployed on a broad front with two platoons up; 11 Platoon on the right, 10 Platoon on the left, with Company HQ and 12 Platoon in the centre rear. In this formation the company covered a frontage of 400 metres and a similar distance in depth.

At 1540 hours the forward platoons contacted 6 - 8 enemy who, after a brief exchange of fire, fled further into the rubber in the general direction of the company's movement. A dead Viet Cong soldier was found as the Company followed up.

Some minutes later 11 Platoon contacted an estimated enemy platoon and immediately called for artillery fire support. The battle quickly developed and 11 Platoon reported that they were taking heavy small arms fire and were being attacked from two sides. As it was obvious that the platoon had struck a large enemy force OC D/6 RAR ordered them to withdraw and attempted to move forward with 12 Platoon to cover their withdrawal. However, this movement was stopped by heavy fire coming through and over the 11 Platoon area and accurate enemy mortar fire.

Despite effective Australian artillery fire the enemy continued to press his attacks on 11 Platoon whose position had become desparate. On the death of the Platoon Commander, the Platoon Sergeant reported that they were almost surrounded, were low on ammunition and that intense enemy fire had inflicted heavy casualties and pinned them down.

10 Platoon, not under fire, was ordered to relieve 11 Platoon. They approached to within 100 metres of the 11 Platoon area but were met by heavy machine gun and mortar fire and subsequently by infantry attacks. Realizing that 10 Platoon could not move forward and faced a similar situation to 11 Platoon, OC D/6 RAR ordered them to withdraw and concentrate with Company HQ and 12 Platoon. Communications were lost with 11 Platoon after they reported that Viet Cong were all around them. Estimates of the size of the enemy force had grown to a battalion plus.

Meanwhile back in the base area, CO 6 RAR acted on the increasingly alarming reports flowing back from the beleaguered company. A/6 RAR mounted in APC was dispatched at best speed to join the battle and B/6 RAR, still moving back to the base area from its earlier patrol, was ordered to move to the D/6 RAR area.

By this time, the entire Task Force artillery was firing continuously in response to calls for defensive fire from D/6 RAR. USAF strike aircraft attempting to assist the embattled company were hampered by poor visibility due to a heavy monsoon rain storm which had begun at the time of first contact and consequently reduced visibility at ground levelt o 30 metres. However, the critical D/6 RAR ammunition shortage was alleviated by the timely arrival of a RAAF helicopter which dropped the resupply through the canopy into the company area.

Sergeant R.S. Buick, MM, acting Platoon Commander of 11 Platoon, attending a wounded member of the platoon. The soldier, believed killed during the initial contact, had lain on the battlefield during the night and was discovered during the clearance operation at dawn the following morning.

A member of the D/6 RAR looking through the rubber at the route taken by the survivors of 11 Platoon when they fought their way back to the company position.

By 1810 hours after heavy fighting, Company HQ, 10 and 12 Platoons had managed to concentrate in a tight defensive position and cover the withdrawal of the survivors of 11 Platoon. The enemy continued to rake the area with intense small arms fire and mounted successive attacks from three different directions. Only the effectiveness of close artillery defensive fire and accurate small arms fire from D/6 RAR kept the enemy from over-running the position.

At 1850 hours the APC mounted A/6 RAR, while rapidly closing with the scene of battle, contacted an estimated three-company enemy envelopment force which was moving to assault the D/6 RAR position from the rear. Deploying directly from the line of march A/6 RAR attacked the enemy force from a flank and shattered it causing heavy casualties. The enemy swiftly broke contact and withdrew. By 1910 hours both A and B/6 RAR had married up with D/6 RAR and CO 6 RAR had arrived to take control of the battle. During the hours of darkness casualties were evacuated and preparations were made to pursue the enemy force the following day.

Brigadier O.D. Jackson, DSO, OBE, Commander 1 ATF, talking with members of D Company on the morning of 19 August 1966.

At first light on 19 August 6 RAR, with D/5 RAR, followed the enemy withdrawal routes to the limits of artillery range but without significant contact. A concurrent battlefield clearance operation yielded 3 enemy prisoners and large quantities of equipment, weapons and ammunition. The rubber plantation was strewn with the bodies of 245 enemy dead and evidence indicating the evacuation of a further 350 casualties. 6 RAR losses were comparitively light with 18 killed and 21 wounded; the majority of these were members of 11 Platoon.

Captured documents and subsequent interrogation of prisoners revealed that it was the enemy intention to "attack and annihilate" the Australian force at Nui Dat before they became too established and thus open the way for eventual Viet Cong dominance of the Province. For the operation the enemy had allotted 275 Regiment, of three battalions, and D445 Battalion; in total a force of 2,000 men. Only the resolute defence of D/6 RAR against the vastly superior and determined enemy force had prevented a surprise attack on the 1 ATF base area.

There were many acts of conspicuous courage during the bloody three-hour battle and these were subsequently recognized by the award of an MC, DCN, MBE, MM and 5 MIDs to members of the company. Perhaps the greatest honour was the award of The US Presidential Unit Citation which is proudly worn by its members today.

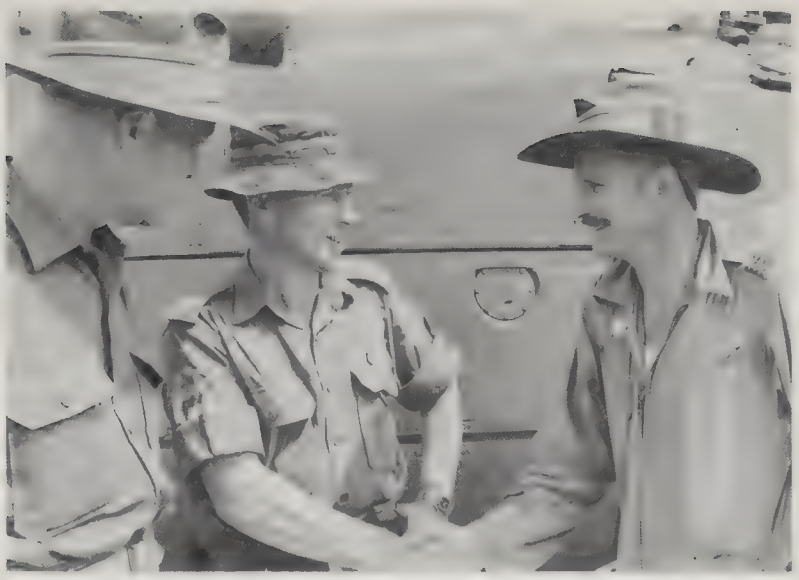
So decisive was the victory, that it was two years before the enemy again attempted such a large scale operation within the Australian area. The Battle of Long Tan established the Australian Force in South Vietnam and paved the way for further successes in subsequent years. The Battle is a significant high point in the history of The Royal Australian Regiment.

Captain B.N. Wickens, IO 6 RAR, conducting preliminary interrogation of a Viet Cong prisoner.

Guarding a prisoner captured during the clearance operation on 19 August 1966.

Some of the enemy weapons and equipment which littered the battlefield.

Members of the original D Company attending a memorial service held on the battlefield on 18 August 1969. The Battalion was then engaged on its second tour of South Vietnam.



Major H.A. Smith, MC, OC D/6 RAR thanking pilots of 9 Sqn RAAF after the battle.

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NATO SMALL ARMS ARCTIC TEST

Major L.E. Grimshaw

B Company, 1 PPCLI provided the bulk of the organization for the NATO Small Arms Arctic Test conducted at Shilo, Manitoba, in January and February under the direction of the NATO Small Arms Test Co-ordination Commission (NSMATCC) with a view to selecting another standard calibre of ammunition and possibly a standard rifle and light machine gun. Shilo was selected as the test site because of its predictably cold weather. We were not disappointed, temperatures ranging from −12° to −38°C with varying wind and occasional snow during the course of the test. This test, the main Canadian effort in the series of NATO tests, was conducted by B Company, who were backed up by forty gunners from 3 RCHA in Shilo, who provided most of the data collection group, a group of armourers from various bases and units, technical experts from DLAEEM in NDHQ and the Allied Armourers and instructors who accompanied the weapons. Together, the organization involved 130 officers and men from seven countries.

The weapons in the test were in two categories. The rifle or individual weapon group consisting of the German G-3, an in-service 7.62mm weapon used as a 'control'; the US M16A1 with a new 5.56mm ammunition; the Dutch MN-1, French MAS, Belgian FNC, all 5.56mm; and the British 4.85mm weapon. The light support weapon group consisted of the Belgian MAG 58, again a 7.62mm 'control' weapon, the German 7.62mm MG3E, the Belgian 5.56mm MINIMI and the British 4.85mm weapon. Each country's weapons were accompanied by an instructor and armourer who trained the Canadian instructors and armourers on their weapon, and then supervised Canadian handling.

Initial planning for the Test began in July 1978 when I was tasked to conduct it. Unfortunately, we were all in Cyprus at the time and little could be done. However, I was able to attend a NATO demonstration and examine the procedures used at the main test site at Hammelburg, Germany. During those visits the Test Design of the cold weather test was revised, presented to the NSMATCC and approved. Preparations did not begin in earnest until after the Battalion rotated home. In November, the senior data officers and chief armourer were sent to Hammelburg to study the test methods and procedures while the company recce party visited Shilo and made detailed arrangements.

The cold weather test had to be as similar as possible to the Hammelburg test to provide maximum correlation between the results of the two. Accordingly, the same ten weapons were tested, although only three of each were used. In addition, before test firing could take place, extensive modification and temporary re-wiring of the two Shilo electrical target ranges was required to permit targets to be exposed individually over a wide arc of fire rather than in the usual lanes. In addition, two moving target systems had to be designed and built. The CFB Shilo staff tackled the task vigorously in December and the work was completed by the time the test group arrived early in January.

After an initial setting up and training period the test itself was conducted in a series of one-week cycles, each consisting of two days of training and zeroing followed by three days of firing. Each group of three test weapons was fired by a different team of shooters each cycle, so that each firing team tested each of the weapons of their category in a round-robin program. The job of programming fell to the test Controller, Captain Niall Warry, Royal Green Jackets, our British Exchange Officer. His problem was to ensure that the weapons were fired by different teams each week, at various times of the day on three ranges operating concurrently. The job of delivering the right ammunition, of which there were nine varieties in three calibres, to the right range at the right time fell to the CQMS, WO Don Ritthaler, who also looked after the supply of the mass of the stores, equipment and spare parts. The CSM, MWO Tom Reid, not only carried out the normal CSM duties, but also acted as the Administrative Officer for the Test Centre. Somehow he managed to look after the reception, despatch, care and feeding of a large number of visitors and technical experts temporarily assigned to the organization.

It is impossible to relate any anecdotes of amusing events which occurred during the tests. Unfortunately, it simply was not very funny on the firing point at −30° with a 10 MPH wind invariably blowing into the faces of the firers. Fortunately, there were no untoward incidents except for a few minor frost injuries including MCpl Brian Steele who froze the tip of his nose to the receiver of his weapon during firing practice.

There was a great deal more to the tests than simply firing the weapons in the cold. A staggering amount of data was collected from the firing and handling tests to provide information on the hitting performance, mechanical reliability and handling of the weapons. This was achieved by the data collection group under the control of Major Tom Westran from DLAEEM at NDHQ, and who is also the Deputy Project Manager of the New Family of Small Arms (NFSA) Project. With the aid of a computer storage unit, Lt Keith Harrison, the Chief Data Collector, and Sgt Bob Cameron, the Data NCO with the gunners of 3 RCHA, issued thousands of different forms which were filled in, returned and validated, checked and rechecked and finally stored in the computer. The collection of Reliability and Maintainability data, as well as maintenance of the weapons was done by the armourers under the control of CWO Dan Lyle of DLAEEM.

The aim of the hitting performance tests was to hit as many targets with as few rounds in the shortest time as possible. To encourage the firers, a competition was devised within each of the weapon groups. The "Most Efficient Killers" who hit the most targets with the least number of rounds over the course of the test were MCpl 'PO' Judge with the light support weapons and Pte Joe Benoit with the individual weapons. They were each awarded a trophy bearing examples of all the types of test ammunition.

Following the test, the data was compiled in machine readable formats and submitted together with the results of the other military and technical tests, to several results analysis groups. Consistently, the results of the analysis will not be available until well after the test. However, the immediate results for the company has been in the training benefits achieved through handling and firing a variety of new weapons on challenging ranges, complete with moving targets. For the participants who were not firing, there was the experience of planning, setting up and executing a function for which no one had been particularly trained, again demonstrating the versatility of our troops.

Epilogue

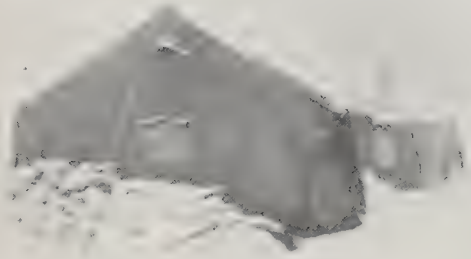
Since the Test, I have freqnelty been asked which of the weapons was best. Of course I cannot tell because the results are not only classified, but we did not do any analysis. As stated previously the 'best' will be detemrined through the analysis of the results of the NATO tests. The overall result will be determined through the following formula (I kid you not!).

$$P^* = \pi_{j=1}^{n} \left[(1 - B_j) \pi_{k=1}^{*} \gamma_{jk} + B_j \right] P$$

Fix bayonets men!

Test Centre Staff, Instructors and Armourers

The Dutch MN-1 on the range.



Home on the range.

MCpl L.W. Burke issuing a French MAS to Pte W.J. Wiltshire

Front: MCpl Judge PO, Pte Burns CR, Cpl Hornbrook RC Rear: Cpl Boyte (armourer), MCpl McDonald RD (instructor) and Hauptfeldwebel Fielder K (who is not too happy about this) with German MG3E light machine guns.

Cpl Blunden DJ, Pte Charbonneau GA, MCpl McEachern JA (instructor), Pte Mahone LD, Sgt Risser (armourer) and WO2 (QSMI) Hagen FM with the British 4.85mm IW.

Test Director, Maj Grimshaw presenting the LSW "Most Efficient Killer" Award to MCpl Judge PO.

Pte Benoit JN is amazed at his own performance as the IW "Most Efficient Killer"

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OPERATION BOLSTER

Captain D.M. Lewis, CD

By late March 1979 it was apparent that heavy rains and quick melting snow would lead to extensive flooding in the province of Manitoba. Flooding would be aggravated by built-up road and rail networks that would channel the water deeper and far wider than ever before.

In defence of the floods, several towns in the lower Red River Valley have constructed ring dikes around their perimeters. These earthen walls were built based on the levels of the devastating 1950 flood. Additional height was added to allow for the waves created by the high winds. It is not uncommon to hear of small craft warnings on the flooded lands. Stockpiled beside all access roads is sufficient fill to close and ring the town in the event of an emergency.

In addition to the major towns, several farms, religious colonies and small industrial complexes maintain their own ring dikes. The owners/occupants of these independent dikes construct and maintain them at their own risk and expense.

Prior to any notice of possible assistance to the civil authority for the Canadian Forces, 2 PPCLI was preparing for Exercise RAMPANT CHARGER and Exercise WAINCON 79. Twelve APCs were in storage in Wainwright; combat supplies had been shipped; buses were ordered, manifests complete and vehicles loaded for an air move.

All was to be for naught. On 23/24 April 2 PPCLI was given a minor assistance task in support of the town of Carmen. By 27 April, after forty-eight hours warning, 2 PPCLI Task Force was deployed in the ring dike towns of Emerson, St Jean Baptiste, Morris and St Adolphe. Task Force Headquarters was established at St Pierre Jolys. An A-1 Echelon was co-located with TFHQ with the A-2 Echelon remaining in Kapyong Barracks.

Deployment of the Task Force proceeded without incident. Local civilian authorities welcomed the unit and provided maximum assistance as each company group settled in, completed detailed recces and issued orders for the execution of the tasks given. The Task Force was responsible for: dike patrol and dike maintenance, provision of emergency communications to water resource personnel, assistance in emergency resupply to water resource personnel, humanitarian assistance and emergency evacuation of military and civilian personnel in the event of a collapsed dike.

Throughout the operation the morale of the unit remained high. Civilian and military authorities all reflected an attitude that the men of 2 PPCLI were definitely required and were an asset contributing toward the defence against the floods. This attitude was well portrayed by all the media. As a result, individual soldiers maintained a high state of morale and a strong sense of purpose.

Co-operation with the local civilian residents was excellent throughout. Each company took the opportunity to concentrate their activities towards, and to achieve objectives which included everything from band concerts and tours to barbecues and APC rides. These activities were instrumental in maintaining and greatly improving the image of the Canadian Forces and in particular the PPCLI.

Repair and resupply throughout the exercise proceeded most favourably. With limited exceptions all vehicles and equipment remained serviceable. Exceptions were quickly addressed by both first and second line maintenance organizations. Indeed the response of CFB Winnipeg was excellent. Most sections were quick to switch to a 24 and 7 operation. Resupply was effected without major incident, due mainly to the availability of helicopters once the ring dikes were closed.

Withdrawal of the Task Force from OPERATION BOLSTER began on 14 May, seventeen days after deployment and was complete by 19 May. After 14,000 total mandays and 66,500 vehicle miles at a cost of $94,000, Mother Nature was beaten and OP BOLSTER ended.

The task provided 2 PPCLI with the opportunity to display organizational, administrative and leadership abilities and talents seldom seen or appreciated by the public, or many members of the Canadian Forces who never see an infantry battalion group deployed as it is intended. Compared to war, it was a bit of a picnic. Nonetheless the lessons learned and the procedures practised provided valuable experience. Soldiers gained a considerable satisfaction from their jobs having been given the opportunity to contribute in a time of need. 2 PPCLI came away from OP BOLSTER a better trained, more professional team. OP BOLSTER was good for 2 PPCLI.

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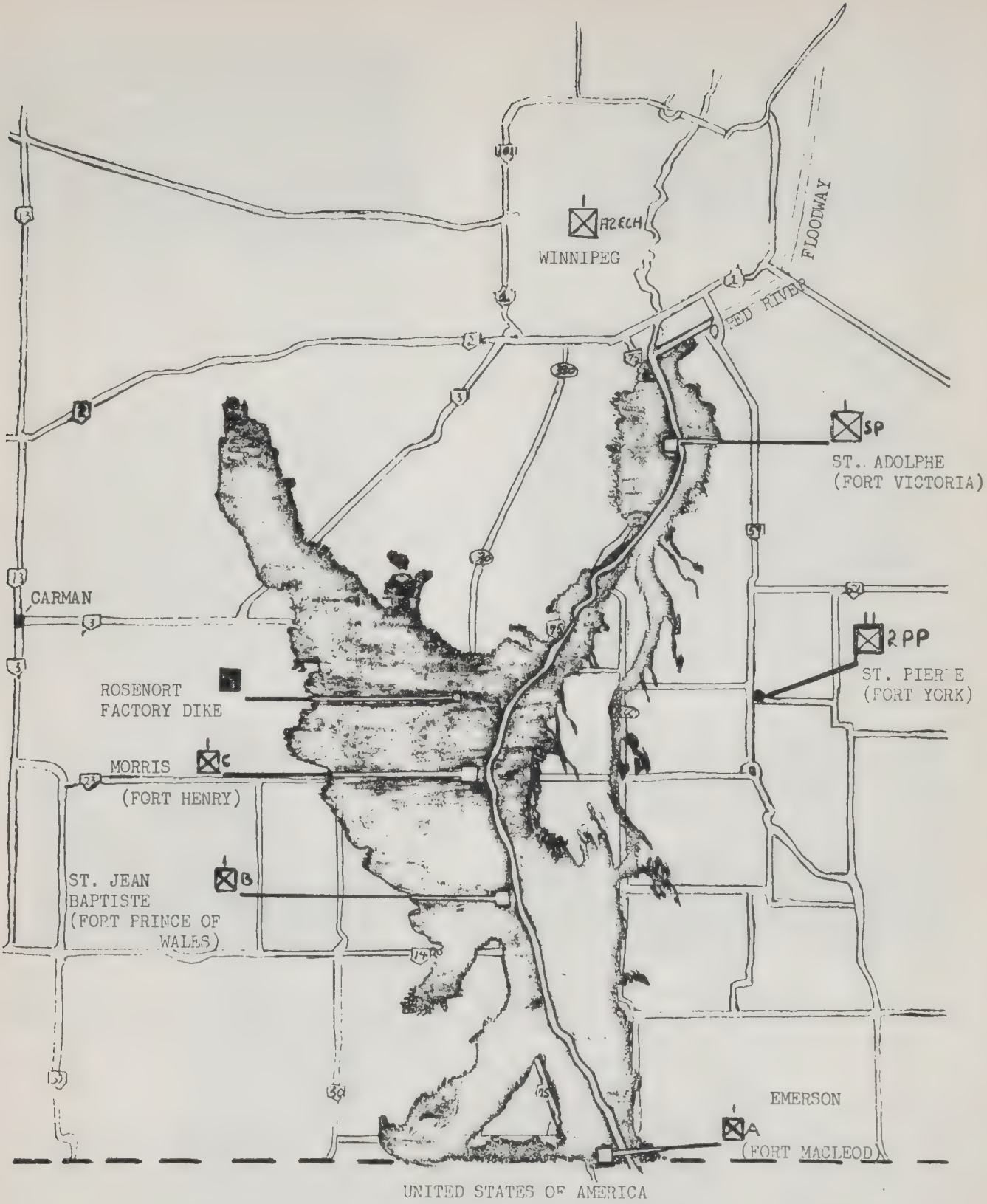
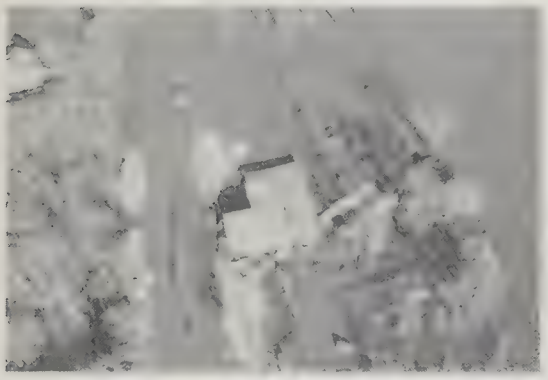


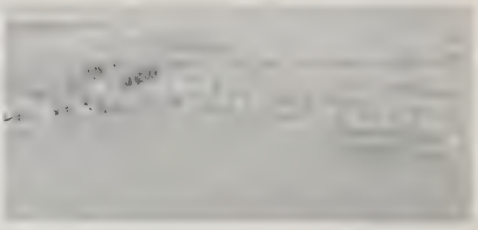
The map illustrates the lower RED RIVER at the peak of the flood during the period 3-10 May 79. Prior to 3 May, the area of ST PIERRE was under water from the flooded RAT RIVER. To the west, the CARMEN area also flooded during the period 23-25 Apr 79 when the BOYNE RIVER overflowed. 2 PPCLI provided heavy lift support to evacuees from CARMEN, but was not called to assist in the ST PIERRE area where serious danger to the housing and population did not exist. The mass of flood water steadily moved northward, eventually draining away in the RED RIVER FLOODWAY.

A soldier of A Company 2 PPCLI on Dyke Patrol.

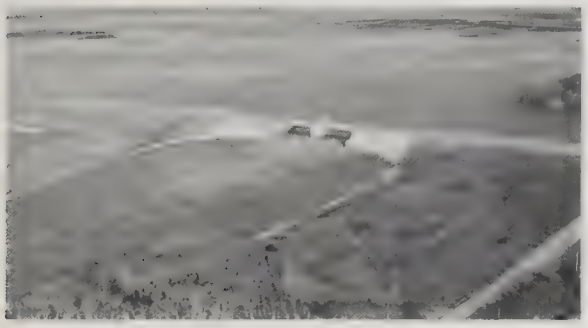
Despite orders from local municipalities and provincial authorities, many residents chose to stay in their homes, building their own dikes and gaining access by boat. 2 PPCLI was not tasked to provide support to these enthusiastic tenants.



Throughout the valley many homes were flooded. Melting snow assisted by continual rain raised water levels to their highest level since 1950. More snowfall on the 10 May made conditions worse.



2 PPCLI's main tasks were the patrol and maintenance of the major diked communities. These towns were isolated, all roads and railways from Winnipeg south being covered with water. The CPR freight shown in the centre of the photo made its first run on 16 May after many miles of tracks were replaced.



The Red River Floodway built to allow the Red River to bypass the City of Winnipeg, almost flooded its banks. The floodway gates had to be opened to ease some of the pressure. As a result, some homes in Southern Winnipeg were flooded.

With access by land cut off the only way to resupply the Battalion was by helicopter. Here a helicopter from 447 Squadron is off-loaded by personnel of B Company at St Jean Baptiste.

Both CH135 KIOWA and CH136 TWIN HUEY helicopters were deployed to the operational area by 448 Sqn. Controlled by the Regional Defence Centre at EMO Headquarters, the helicopters were tasked by 2 PPCLI to conduct daily recces, evacuation of personnel, resupply and liaison. They formed the backbone of the task forces capability to move rapidly throughout the Red River Valley.

Courtesy The VOXAIR

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Co-operation between 2 PPCLI and the RCMP was evident throughout the operation. Capt P.A. Ronksley OC B Coy and Lt P. Hofman, chat in St Jean Baptiste with Constables Greg Downing of the Selkirk Detachment, and Kathy King of the Morris Detachment. Throughout the operation, the RCMP continued to be responsible for all matters concerning civilian security.

Courtesy The VOXAIR

Throughout OP BOLSTER 2 PPCLI personnel performed in a professional manner and maintained high standar- B Coy is pictured marching through the streets of St Jean Baptiste enroute to patrol duty.

Courtesy The VOXAIR

Throughout the operation all companies had a standby force on minimum notice 24 hours a day. This duty was performed over and above all other tasks. Above members of the press on tour pass by the A Coy Ready Vehicles.

Courtesy The VOXAIR

Militiamen from all Winnipeg units augmented the 2 PPCLI Task Force. Up to 60 all ranks were deployed during the peak flooding period. Several remained with the unit throughout Ex WAINCON 79. In the photo Lt Carsted of the Camerons briefs militiamen attached to C Coy.

Each of the Task Force Company groups deployed with its own support from Administration Company. MRTs, MAs, heavylift drivers and cooks were attached. The cooks performed their tasks in curling rinks, schools and community halls using existing facilities, included the latest in microwave ovens and automatic blenders.

A sqn of 1 CER deployed with boats and motors to the lower Red River Valley

Kapyong continued to provide A-2 Echelon support providing combat supplies, rations and reinforcements. Adm Coy also maintained a Ready Force of 100 all ranks who were on 4-hour notice to move throughout the operation.

In all areas, the local residents were very interested in the comings and goings of 2 PPCLI. On the left, Capt D.M. Lewis points out the BHQ/A-1 Ech areas of interest to a group of Grade 10 students from St Pierre while the duty officers (centre) pause for a look. Following the briefing, all students were taken for rides in wheeled and tracked vehicles.

Recce P1 marking roads

WO Pelcher, 2IC Pnr P1, puts the finishing touches to a dike and road system near St Adolphe.

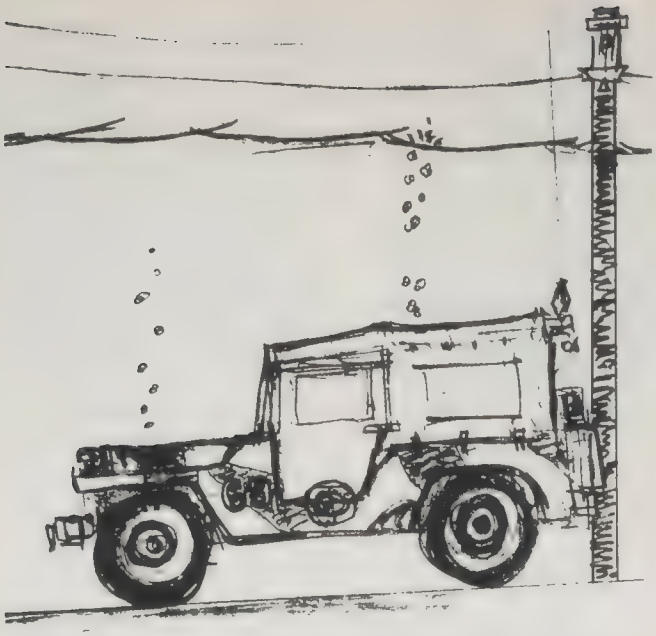
The Quilty brothers, MCpl Randy and Pte Gary fill sand-bags while on duty with B Coy in St Jean Baptiste.

Cpl Dauphinee, Prn Pl, Cbt Sp Coy, checks the dikes from an assault boat in St Jean Baptiste.

Ex LIDO PLAGE was to be the watermanship training exercise held on the flooded Rat River and proved to be a total success. Soldiers of 1 CER as well as all 2 PPCLI drivers were qualified over a three-day period.

Cpl Zelaszny and Pte Cromlish of A Coy being filmed for the CTV News while on Dike Patrol in Emerson.

MCpl Pratico, C Coy, reports in while on Dike Patrol in Morris.



"O this is 69, I have a small problem. I think I have a hole in my tarp."

This place gets more visitors!

Pte Guy Mortson, B Coy, sandbags a coffer dam in St Jean Baptiste.

Cpl Mike Brown records dike information while on duty with A Coy in Emerson.

2 PPCLI Adjt Capt Dillon and RSM Wilson on recce with Cbt Sp Coy near St Adolphe.

Cpl Davies, Mor Pl, monitors the radio during a Splash-Board Operation in St Adolphe.

Capt Barry Farnham, ALO from 408 Sqn, and the Lieutenant-Governor after a tour of the lower Red River Valley.

Base Commander CFB Winnipeg, Col J.R. Allingham, the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, the Honourable F.L. Jobin, prior to a tour of the flood areas.

Premier of Manitoba, the Honourable Sterling Lyon, confers with Mayor Eisbrennor in Emerson.

Occasionally a local resident came back to see his property. Pte Jerry Vieville, B Coy, helps Mr Aime Bruno from his boat.

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BGen P.J. Mitchell, Commander 1 CBG, discusses the flood situation with the Governor-General Ed Schreyer and Capt P.A. Ronksley, OC B Coy.

OPERATION LOG EXTRACTS — OP BOLSTER

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Aircon Det Wpg-Sitrep 001-261625Z Mar:
First indocation of flooding with indication that 1950 levels may be reached. Concept of Ops described.

FMCHQ-Aid to Civil Auth-230315Z Apr 79:
2 PPCLI is tasked to provide heavy wheeled vehicle lift to Carman, Man. Vehs remained until withdrawal on 250625Z Apr 79.

NDHQ-Aid to Civil Auth-252025Z Apr 79:
First official tasking for 2 PPCLI to form a Task Force for asst to civ auth. CO 2 PPCLI later designated as TF Comd. 1 CER tasked to provide boat and boat crew asst.

Aircom Det Wpg-RDC OPO 01-270730Z Apr 79:
Formal OPO from RDC ordering TF to occupy Emerson, St Jean Baptiste, Morris, St Adolphe, with BHQ set up at St Pierre Jolys.

AircomHQ-Ops-MAN FLOODS 79-280219Z Apr 79:
Official designation of ops as OP BOLSTER.

Hwy 23 W of Morris

Hwy 217, Town of St Jean Baptiste

TFHQ-Augmentation Req-2902057 Apr 79:
Formal request by TF for Air LO and Militia augmentation. Militia deployed on 29 Apr, divided amongst coys to bring each to equal str. Air LO deployed to TFHQ.

TFHQ-TF Op Instr No 1-300440Z Apr 79:
2 PPCLI TF reported fully deployed in posn and all tasks in progress.

TFHQ-TF Op Instr No 2-021330Z May 79:
Detailed instr concerning CF role in poss emergency evac of ring dike towns. Initial evac planning starts at coy grp level.

Aircom Det Wpg-RDC OPO 03-112200Z May 79:
Wdr OPO from RDC advising date/times and water levels permissible prior to wdr.

TFHQ-TF Op Instr No 3-120110Z May 79:
Detailed instr concerning wdr of 2 PPCLI from flood control. Included initial instr for 2 PPCLI to prep for WAINCON 79 - 1 CER to wdr first on 13 May 79. Militia augmentees to remain.

TFHQ-TF Sitrep No 21-140000Z May 79:
A Coy Grp Wdr from Emerson.

TFHQ-TF Sitrep No 23-162330Z May 79:
C Coy Gp Wdr from Morris.

TFHQ-TF Sitrep No 24-172300Z May 79:
B Coy Gp Wdr from St Jean. TFHQ and A-1 Ech mov from St Pierre to Kapyong Barracks.

TFHQ-TF Sitrep No 26-191600Z May 79:
Cbt Sp Coy Gp Wdr from St Adolphe.

Aircom-OP BOLSTER Termination-191445Z May 79:
Termination of OP BOLSTER eff 191430Z May 79.

Hwy 75, Town of Morris

Hwy 201, Town of Letellier

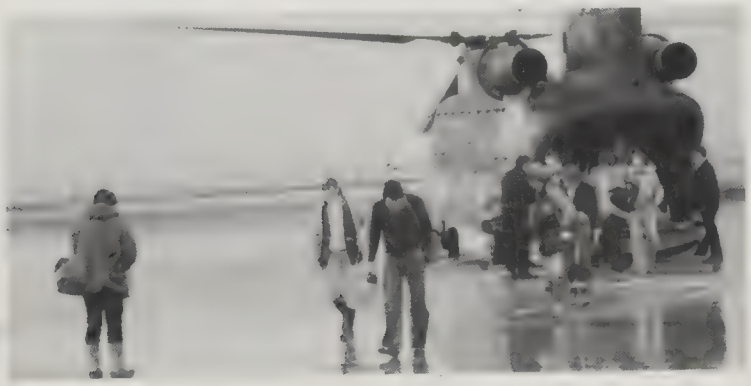
Hwy 200 south of St Adolphe

Hwy 75, Town of Letellier

Hwy 75, Town of Emerson

Gov-Gen Ed Schreyer shares a light moment with the Base Comd of CFB Winnipeg, Col J.R. Allingham.

Hardly a day went by that the Task Force did not get a visitor. The press came continually, not only to accompany the VIPs, but to see the soldiers and the flood.



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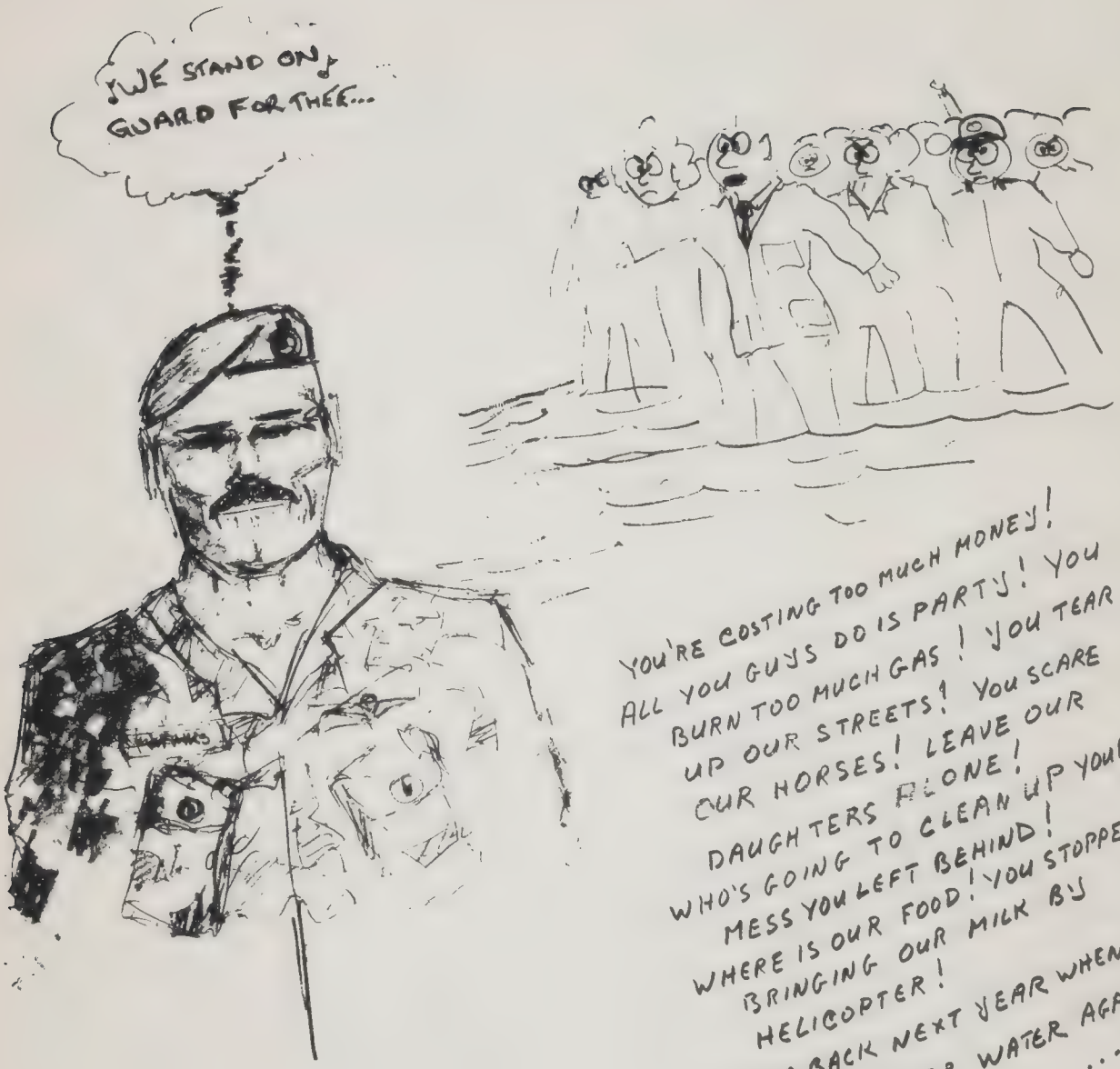
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In the 1978 issue of the Patrician the National President, Colonel W.B.S. Sutherland gave a summary of the review of the Association and the progress made up to November 1978. The tasks were allocated to Branches and groups across the country and feedback has been generating back to the President. It is the President's intention to summarize this feedback at the next Annual General Meeting at a time and location not yet announced. Many concrete ideas and suggestions have come forward and in broad general terms a great deal of positive thinking has come out of this review, largely due to the effort and concern of Branches all across the country. A detached report of the findings and conclusions discussed at the next Annual General Meeting will appear in the 1980 issue of the "Patrician".

Branch Activities

The United Kingdom Branch held its Annual General Meeting in London 8th May 1979 in honour of the Battle of Frezenberg, hosted by Lieutenant-Colonel "Dix" Cottingham with the guest of honour being our Colonel-in-Chief. In late summer LCol E.J. "Jeff" Williams assumed the Presidency of the Branch. Readers of the Patrician will be saddened to learn of the death of Henry Freese who passed away at his home in Sussex in September of this year, a member of both the Winnipeg Branch and the UK Branch.

The Montreal Branch met on 17 March at a dinner held at Mobile Command Headquarters in Montreal where serving members and Branch members met to honour the Regimental Day. Brigadier Rown Coleman continues as President of the Montreal Branch and Brigadier Jimmy deLalanne, presently serving as Dominion Grand President of the Royal Canadian Legion, continues to keep Patricias in touch with one another as he travels the length and breadth of Canada on Legion business.

The Ottawa Branch contines to fluorish, a most successful dinner was held 17th March with an excellent representation from both serving and retired members of the Regiment in the Ottawa area. Lloyd Swick became President of the Ottawa Branch and Joe Berger's years of loyal service were honoured with a presentation.

The Toronto Branch held its annual dinner in honour of the Battle of Frezenberg at the King Edward Hotel in Toronto with representation from serving members in the Toronto area in attendance.

The Winnipeg Branch elected a new executive in the spring of the year with Andy Schaen as President and Sid McKay as Vice-President. The Branch, indeed Patricias everywhere, were saddened at the passing of Dr E.C. Corrigan in July of 1979. "Doc" Corrigan as he was known throughout the Regiment, served as the Unit Medical Officer during the Italian Campaign and was an active member of the Winnipeg Branch throughout the years. "Doc" will be sadly missed by all members of the Association.

The Saskatchewan Branch continues to grow and flourish. One of the highlights of Branch activities during the past year was the visit of the Branch to the Second Battalion during training at Camp Dundurn near Saskatoon. An excellent luncheon was provided by the Battalion and Branch members were given an opportunity to meat with today's Patricias and observe the equipment and training in which the Battallion are currently involved with.

The Edmonton Branch have had a worthwhile year with membership remaining fairly constant. A great deal of time and energy was put forth by a committee of the Edmonton Branch in connection with the Association review currently in progress. Members of the Edmonton Branch turned out in some strength to honour retired MWO G.V. "Buck" Rogers in June of this year when he was honoured in Edmonton by the Canadian Airborne Regiment, after having served some 33 years with the Regiment and the Canadian Airborne.

The Calgary Branch have met on a monthly basis during the past year. The September meeting saw some thirty-seven members, their wives and ladies, turn out for a short business meeting followed by a tour of the Regimental Museum. At this meeting our new Regimental Major, Major Lou Grimshaw was introduced to the Branch and gave a brief report on the condition and progress of our Colonel-in-Chief.

The Vancouver Branch continues to flourish with an active membership and the Branch gathered this year to celebrate our Regimental Day on 17th March. The Secretary-Treasurer received an interesting note from Walter McKay Draycott, one of our World War I Patricias. Walter celebrated his 96th birthday with the observation that quote "Owing to old age deterioration of bone in the pelvic area he would not be able to attend the dinner on 17th March (A double meaning for me in that I landed at Portland Maine, enroute for Canada on St Patrick's Day 1906)." Unquote, Signed,

Your ancient scribe
Walter MacKay Draycott

Mr Draycott continues to delight Patricias everywhere with his personally sketched annual Christmas greetings.

The Vancouver Branch was saddened at the passing of Al Cummings in March of this year. Al, as well, was noted for his artistic talent while serving with both First and Second Battalions of the Regiment.

The Victorian Branch have had a successful year, meeting on a monthly basis in the Warrant Officers' and Sergeant's Mess at Work Point Barracks. During 1979 following a short business meeting a number of interesting speakers have addressed the members on a wide variety of topics. A most useful suggestion which came from the Victoria Branch is the publishing of an Association Directory by Branches enabling old friends to help keep in touch as addresses change or a helpful method of contacting Patricias in a particular branch when a member visits that Branch's location. It is hoped to have the first issue of this directory in the hands of Branches by the end of this year.

Thus another year comes to a close, a year marked by tragedy for the Regimental Family in the loss sustained by our Colonel-in-Chief and her family, got strengthened by the concern expressed by every Branch and heartened by the progress being made by Lady Patricia, Lord Brabourne and their son Timothy, and it is the earnest hope of all members of the Regimental Family that our beloved Colonel-in-Chief and her family will continue towards full recovery and we look forward to their presence once again within our midst when health and strength permit.

IN MEMORIAM

"At the going down of tue sun, and in
the morning, we will remember them"

112 048 509	Cpl Barter GW	At DZ Gorvad, CFB Borden, Ont, 8 May 1979. Served with 1 PPCLI in Calgary and with the Canadian Airborne Regiment.
410962	Pte Bruneau AS	at Montreal, Que, 4 Jan 1979. Joined 1st University Coy 28 Jul 1915, SOS 14 Apr 1916. Member Montreal Branch PPCLI Assn.
475326	Cpl Black FL	at Toronto, Ont, 14 Oct 1978. Joined 4th University Coy 7 Apr 1916, wounded 15 Sep 1916, SOS 31 Aug 1918. Member Toronto Branch PPCLI Assn.
	Captain Burlinguette D	at Estevan, Sask, 29 Apr 1979. Civilian Instructor Patricia Cadet Corps, Estevan, Sask. Also the moving force in the formative stages of their excellent Corps of Pipes & Drums
	LCol Burns LJ, MC, OBE	at Toronto, Ont, 7 Sep 1978. Member RCASC WW2, Toronto Branch PPCLI Assn.
636633	Brown AL	at Campbellford, Ont, 26 Apr 1979. Served PPCLI WW1.
	LCol Corrigan CE, DSO, ED	at Winnipeg, Man, 16 Jul 1979. Joined PPCLI as MO 1 Sep 1939, SOS 19 Sep 1941. Rejoined Bn serving as MO during Italian Campaign; Honourary Life Member Winnipeg Branch PPCLI Assn. ½ ½
	Sgt Cummings AH, CD	at Vancouver, BC, Mar 1979. Served with 1 PPCLI, 2 PPCLI; member Vancouver Branch PPCLI Assn.
H800014	Sgt Dugray AG, CD	at Edmonton, Alta, Mar 1979. Served with 2 PPCLI in Korea, Calgary, West Germany.
H16211	Pte Freese HEG	at Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex, UK, 12 Sep 1979. Joined PPCLI 20 Sep 1939, wounded Feb 1944 at Ortona, SOS 19 Feb 1944. Member Winnipeg Branch PPCLI Assn.
475857	Pte Gawley EG, MM	at Caledonia, Ont, 28 Apr 1979. Joined PPCLI in the field 17 Feb 1916; wounded 19 Apr 1916, 27 Aug 1918, and 28 Sep 1918; SOS 10 Oct 1918. Member Toronto Branch PPCLI Assn.
1096	Pte Hancox G	at Victoria, BC, Nov 1978. Joined PPCLI in the field Aug 1914, SOS 20 Mar 1919. An active member of the Victoria Branch PPCLI Assn.
421 554 544	Sgt Hansen JR, CD	at Calgary, Alta, 11 Oct 1979. Served with 1 PPCLI and Canadian Airborne Regiment.
	Sgt Harris P	at Kamloops, BC 29 Jul 1979. Served with PPCLI in Korea.
	Sgt Johnson MN	at Kamloops, BC, 21 Apr 1979. Served with PPCLI in Korea.
H17865	Pte Kafun AU	at Toronto, Ont, 27 Jun 1978. Joined PPCLI 30 Apr 1943, wounded 25 Aug 1944 in Italy, SOS 26 Aug 1944. Member Toronto Branch PPCLI Assn.
105546	Pte Kirby J	at Toronto, Ont, 21 Apr 1979. Joined PPCLI 10 Jun 1916, wounded 16 Sep 1916, SOS 18 Dec 1916. Member Toronto Branch PPCLI Assn.
	Pte MacMillan ER	at Calgary, Alta, 4 May 1979. Served with 1 PPCLI in Korea.
SB153630	McQuarrie B	at Georgetown, Ont, Jun 1979. Served with PPCLI during WW2.
H16353	Sgt Marsh LC	at Winnipeg, Man, 13 Oct 1979. Enlisted PPCLI 11 Oct 1939, wounded 26 Jul 1943 Sicily, and 6 Dec 1943 Italy. SOS 12 Feb 1944.
769748	Pte Norrish SL, MM	at Toronto, Ont, 10 Jan 1979. Joined PPCLI in the field 23 Jan 1917, SOS 20 Mar 1919. Member Toronto Branch PPCLI Assn.
ZP1595	Maj Osland A	at Edmonton, Alta, Jun 1979. Joined PPCLI Dec 1939, wounded in Italy Aug 1944; returned to PPCLI 1945; reallocated to Cdn Gds Jun 1956. Member Edmonton Branch PPCLI Assn.
	Maj Paquet AET	at Montreal, Que, 1 Aug 1979. Joined PPCLI 1 Jun 1934; served with PPCLI during WW2, wounded 27 Jul 1943, retired Jul 1951. A member of the Montreal PPCLI Assn.
F800203	Sgt Poitras J	at Salmon Arm, BC, 29 May 1979. Served with 2 PPCLI in Korea. Member Sask Branch PPCLI Assn.
487321	Pte Rennie WJ	at White Rock, BC, 3 Oct 1979. Enlisted 5th University Coy, joined PPCLI in the field 9 Jun 1916, wounded 23 Sep 1916, SOS 20 Mar 1919. Member of Vancouver PPCLI Assn.
429 378 052	Maj Sharpe ER, CD	at Otter Lake, Ont, 23 Jun 1979. Joined PPCLI in the field 16 Jan 1945, served in Korea with 1 PPCLI in numerous staff appointments, retiring 6 Oct 1969. Member of Ottawa Branch PPCLI Assn.
552338	Pte Shaw J	at Fernie, BC, 3 May 1979. Joined PPCLI in the field 6 Mar 1917, wounded 14 Aug 1918, SOS 18 Aug 1918.

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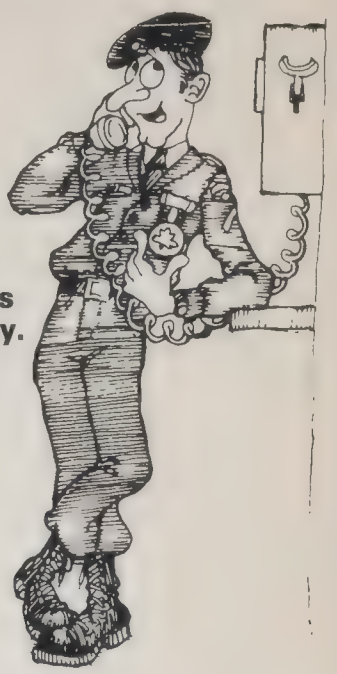

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